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Tour ends Amir back

KUWAIT, Oct 3. (Kuna): His Highness the Amir and the accompanying delegation returned home at 5.45 pm today concluding a five-nation tour that started early last week and covered Iraq, France, Guinea, Mali and Niger.

HH was welcomed at the airport by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdallah Al Salem Al Sabah, commander of the National Guards Sheikh Salem Al Ali, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Khaled Al Ahmed Al Sabah, Sheikhs, ministers and a number of citizens.

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Afghan accord near: Bhutto

DHAKA, Oct 3. (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan said today her government was working with the Soviet Union to find a political solution to the Afghan conflict.

"We are discussing with the Soviet Union a consensus resolution on Afghanistan which will be presented at the current session of the United Nations General Assembly," she told reporters.

Pakistan favours setting up a government determined by the Afghan people, she said at a news conference called at the end of her three-day visit to Bangladesh.

"This is the only solution to peace and stability in Afghanistan," Benazir said.

Pakistan supports the Afghan rebels, known as the mujahedeen, in their war against the Soviet-backed government of President Najibullah in Kabul.

The Soviet Union withdrew the last of its troops from Afghanistan in February after a 10-year involvement, but has continued to arm the government forces.

United States is the biggest arms supplier of the seven-group rebel alliance, based in Pakistan's frontier city Peshawar, where the rebels have set up a self-proclaimed interim government. Another alliance is based in Iran.

"The stumbling block is the continuation of the present administration in Afghanistan," Benazir said.

TAIF, Oct 3. (Agencies): Lebanon: Members of Parliament agreed in principle today to share seats in Parliament equally between Muslims and Christians, deputies said.

The agreement was the first since the two communities opened talks on Saturday to try to build on a ceasefire that ended six months of deadly warfare in divided Lebanon.

The 62 members, half of them Muslim and half Christians, are meeting in the Saudi Arabian mountain town of Taif in a bid to agree on changes to the Christian-dominated system which Muslims say is a root cause of the 14-year-long civil war in Lebanon.

Deputies said today, their fourth day of talks, that they had agreed to the equality principle proposed in an Arab League charter for national reconciliation.

They are working their way through the document but have not yet reached the

potentially explosive section on a Syrian troop withdrawal, the principal demand of Maronite Christian leader Michel Aoun.

The chairman of the turn-around present Parliament of 99 members—54 Christians and 45 Muslims—into a 128-member house with seats divided equally.

Although they accepted equal representation, they did not agree on the size of the house, the deputies said. Some members proposed a Parliament of 108 seats, with the

extra nine all going to Muslims.

Tawfiq Assaf, the only surviving Member of Parliament from the small Druze Muslim community, suggested creating a Senate, apparently so that the Druze could join the three big sects—Maronites, Sunnis and Shiites—in sharing out top political offices.

Under a convention dating back to the 1940s, the Lebanese President is always a Maronite Christian, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the Speaker of

Parliament a Shiite Muslim.

At this stage in the Taif talks, the deputies are not voting on the constitutional reforms but none of them objected to the principle of equality.

Deputies said that differences remain on a proposed transfer of powers from the president to the prime minister and the cabinet, mainly on ways of how exactly the system would work.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al-Shara

in a speech to the UN General Assembly today defended his country's role in Lebanon and claimed there was a plot by Israel and other Western nations to distort the situation there.

In Tehran, leaders of the two main Muslim militia factions, Druze leader Walid Jumblatt and his civil war ally Nabih Berri, a Shiite Muslim, conferred with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

MPs agree to equal share of seats



Last tango

An East German woman refugee is kissed through the fence of the West German embassy in Prague. The woman is already in the garden of the embassy

while the man is still waiting outside. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Stall on Biharis as visit ends

DHAKA, Oct 3. (Reuter): Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto ended a three-day official visit to Bangladesh today with no sign of agreement on the fate of minority Biharis who want to go to her country, a potentially explosive political issue.

A joint statement made no mention of the repatriation of Biharis, who call themselves stranded Pakistanis.

Bhutto described the issues as "complicated and complex" and said she discussed it with President Hussain Muhammad Ershad in formal and private meetings.

"Both countries are concerned that the solutions to the problems of stranded Biharis should be found," she told a news conference without elaborating.

The communiqué referred to the division of assets and liabilities worth billions of dollars belonging to Pakistan before Bangladesh was created. It said the two sides would take measures to resolve the problem.

Seven Biharis were hurt when riot police fired tear gas at a crowd of 2,000 marching yesterday to the state guest house where Benazir was staying.

'They asked me to drop the charges'

Mom enters tug-of-war plea



Barbara arrives at a Cairo court accompanied by her Egyptian lawyer. (Reuter wirephoto)



Barbara meets her two children Mohammed, 7, (left) and Leila, 4, in Cairo. (Reuter wirephoto)

appeared in court.

Mezo told Reuters she met Mohammed and Leila a week ago for the first time since they left the US 16 months earlier.

She said Mergawi had insisted the meeting take place in the grandmother's house in Cairo and that she alone and not ask the children where they were living.

"They asked me to drop the charges," she said.

Neither the father nor the mother

"I feel they were not free to express themselves ... Mohammed and Leila seemed restrained or even repressed," she said.

Mezo, who now uses her maiden name, accused Mergawi of telling the children that she wanted to send him to prison.

"They asked me to drop the charges," she said.

The case highlights hundreds of similar parental disputes over children of cultural, religious and legal differences.

Mezo has received widespread publicity in local newspapers, and is seen as a test case for several other US mothers who have come to Egypt in recent months to locate children

Noriega kills revolt; we didn't do it: Bush

Street battles rage; US troops on alert

PANAMA CITY, Oct 3. (Agencies): Troops loyal to Panamanian strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega put down a coup attempt by junior officers in Panama city today after a day of heavy fighting, a spokesman for the Panama defence forces said.

At least 20 of the rebel junior officers who staged the uprising against Noriega surrendered to forces loyal to the general in the afternoon, witnesses said. The Noriega forces had gained entrance to the barracks headquarters where a group of army

Fitzwater said the White House did not have "direct information on the status of events there." But when asked if the coup attempt had failed, he replied, "We believe it has."

The spokesman reiterated President Bush's denial earlier in the day that the United States, which has been seeking to oust Noriega for nearly two years, had initiated the revolt.

The United States, which has indicted Noriega on drug trafficking charges and imposed economic sanctions on the country, has been trying to oust the military leader for the past two years.

Panamanian provisional Vice-President Carlos Orosz said in a recorded statement on television that there was no cause for alarm following the day's events. The situation at the defense forces headquarters was under control and the interior of the country was calm, he said.

A communiqué read over national radio in the afternoon denounced the coup attempt, and said Noriega was still in control of the country, where the strategic Panama canal linking the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans is located.

The communiqué poured scorn on a rebel broadcast several hours earlier saying that the junior officers, led by a group of captains, had ousted Noriega and his general staff.

The broadcast by the rebels was abruptly broken off around mid-day, and national radio went back on air playing military music and said Noriega was still in control.

In Washington President Bush denied that the United States was involved in efforts to topple Noriega.

"There are rumours around that this was some American operation. I can tell you that is not true," Bush told reporters at the start of a meeting with visiting Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Yazov.

There were no firm details on casualties during the violence but Panama city residents said there had been ambulances leaving the scene of locations where fighting took place.

After a series of skirmishes in several parts of the city where military bases are located, the decisive battle for control of the city and government was fought at the building that houses military headquarters.

In Washington, a former Noriega aide said he was told by the coup leader that Noriega was wounded and in custody.

The US Southern Command put its troops and civilians on high alert.

The US troops in combat gear took up positions 600 yards (metres) from the barracks, which is in downtown Panama city near the canal. The US Southern Command has installations at Fort Amador and Quarry Heights, less than a mile (1.6 kilometre) from the barracks.

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Zahed Matar



Rumour of war

Nur Musaari, head of the main Philippine Muslim separatist group the Moro National Liberation Front, attacked in an interview, the Manila government's plans for semi-autonomy in the southern Mindanao region. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Judge rules Hurt never 'married'

NEW YORK, Oct 3. (AP): No common-law marriage exists between actor William Hurt and Sandra Jennings, a Manhattan judge ruled today.

State Supreme Court Justice Jacqueline Silberman said the relationship was illicit when it began because Hurt was married, and did not become legitimate simply because he got divorced.

The decision did not deal with financial support for Jennings and the couple's six-year-old son, Alexander Devon Hurt.

Jennings' lawyer, A. Richard Golub, said he would appeal the decision.

"If we had won, I would have been shocked," Golub said.

Silberman is "so madly in love with this defendant, Bill Hurt, that we never could have gotten a fair shake," Golub said.

DAY BY DAY

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ARAB TIMES

Grand Bingo

Mr Jose Kuriakose Parappallil has won the Second Full House prize. He will receive KD 60. Game No. 72 continues for the Third Full House prize.

Wheeling - dealing

Khashoggi buying bank, restaurants

NEW YORK, Oct 3, (UPI): Saudi Arabian arms merchant Adnan Khashoggi, awaiting trial with Imelda Marcos on federal theft and fraud charges, is considering buying a New York bank, a Middle East affairs newsletter said yesterday.

The Mideast Report said Khashoggi, who is free on \$10 million bail but must wear an electronic wrist device to assure he doesn't stray beyond Manhattan, the Bronx and seven upstate New York counties, is also organizing an international consortium to expand the Buenos Aires harbour.

The New York-based newsletter said Khashoggi, once reputed to be the "world's richest man," and a middleman in the 1986-87 Iran-Contra scandal, is writing a book and planning to open restaurants in Manhattan and Bern, Switzerland, the two cities where he spent 91 days in jail this year.

Khashoggi intends to name his restaurants "The Cell," the oil, finance and business publication reported.

Khashoggi, 54, was arrested in Switzerland on April 18 and extradited to the United States on July 19 to face charges of obstruction of justice and mail fraud. He was

released from the metropolitan correction centre in New York on July 27 after his two brothers posted bond.

The newsletter said Khashoggi "is considering buying Park Avenue Bank of New York," which is looking for an infusion to boost its \$5.2 million capital to somewhere between \$15 million and \$30 million. Chartered in 1987, the bank has 25 US, European and Middle Eastern shareholders.

According to the newsletter, "Khashoggi may invest \$7 million and acquire a majority shareholding" in the bank. The Banco de Venezuela's New York branch has put in a rival bid for the controlling stake, it said.

Bank president Muhammad Saleem confirmed in an interview with United Press International that the institution is "talking to some prospective suitors," but said that to his knowledge Khashoggi was not among them.

Saleem did not rule out the possibility, however, that Khashoggi might have been in direct talks with bank shareholders.

Mideast Report editor David Mizrahi said his information came straight from Khashoggi himself.

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LONDON, Oct 3, (AP): After chants of "Allahu Akbar" (God is Great) echoed in the cavernous Royal Albert Hall, the audience was told passages from The Satanic Verses would be read aloud and those who couldn't take it had two minutes to leave.

No one stirred. Then a tall man with a white beard and skullcap took the podium and fired the latest salvo in the year-long Muslim campaign against the novel and its author, Salman Rushdie.

In a world-wide effort to suppress a novel they consider blasphemous, Muslims have rioted, burned books, gone to court and threatened to kill Rushdie. The author, born a Muslim in India, now lives in Britain.

Many who condemn him have turned to Ahmed Deedat, a 72-year-old Muslim scholar from South Africa with a simple message: read the book.

It may be a painful experience, Deedat says, but Muslims who know what the novel says have a much better chance of convincing Westerners their cause is just.

He does not believe the blasphemy argument will convince Westerners. The Satanic Verses

should be suppressed, but he believes they would be more responsive if they knew what the book says about Britain, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the West in general.

To prove his point, he regaled the 6,000 Muslims in the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday afternoon with four-letter words extracted from the 547-page novel.

Rushdie is abusing his adopted country, Deedat declared, so the Muslim argument should go

like this: "Admitted that Rushdie has many filthy, dirty and obscene things to say about Islam and its heroes and heroines; but sir, do you know what he has to say about you, his benefactors and protectors?"

Deedat has an engaging, folksy manner and the voice and vigour of a man half his age. He argues cogently, in simple language, and has a keen eye for Western hypocrisies.

Citing a newspaper report about British lawmakers demanding that American actor Mickey Rourke be banned from Britain for using a four-letter word to describe Mrs Thatcher's policies, Deedat expressed confidence they would feel the same about Rushdie.

Applause greeted his presentation, but at least one listener spotted an apparent flaw and expressed it during question time. They young man said Britain would not ban the book, however insulting, because its "people are tolerant."

Another troubling matter for questioners was the death threat issued against Rushdie by Ayatollah Khomeini.

EDGARTOWN, Massachusetts, Oct 3, (UPI): Violinist Eugene Fodor Jr., arrested in July when he illegally entered a Martha's Vineyard motel and was found in possession of cocaine and heroin, pleaded guilty yesterday to breaking and entering.

Dukes county superior court judge Raymond Cross placed Fodor on three years' probation for the misdemeanour of breaking and entering into the Vineyard Harbour Motel in Vineyard Haven on July 27 and ordered him to undergo substance abuse treatment.

Fodor, 39, pleaded innocent to the other charges of possession of cocaine, possession of heroin and possession of a hypodermic needle.

Fodor's lawyer, Michael Altman, said the violinist recently completed a six-week substance abuse programme at Conifer Park in Scotia, New York, attends alcoholics anonymous daily and is grateful that his arrest forced him to realize that he was deeply troubled.

"The arrest was really to his benefit because he had to confront his addictions," Altman said. "Everyone saw he was a person in need of help, and nobody was interested in seeing him receive punitive damages."

A chambermaid found Fodor in a room that had been listed as unoccupied and notified the manager. After confronting Fodor, the manager called police, who found him carrying 20 grams of cocaine, a small amount of heroin and a dagger.

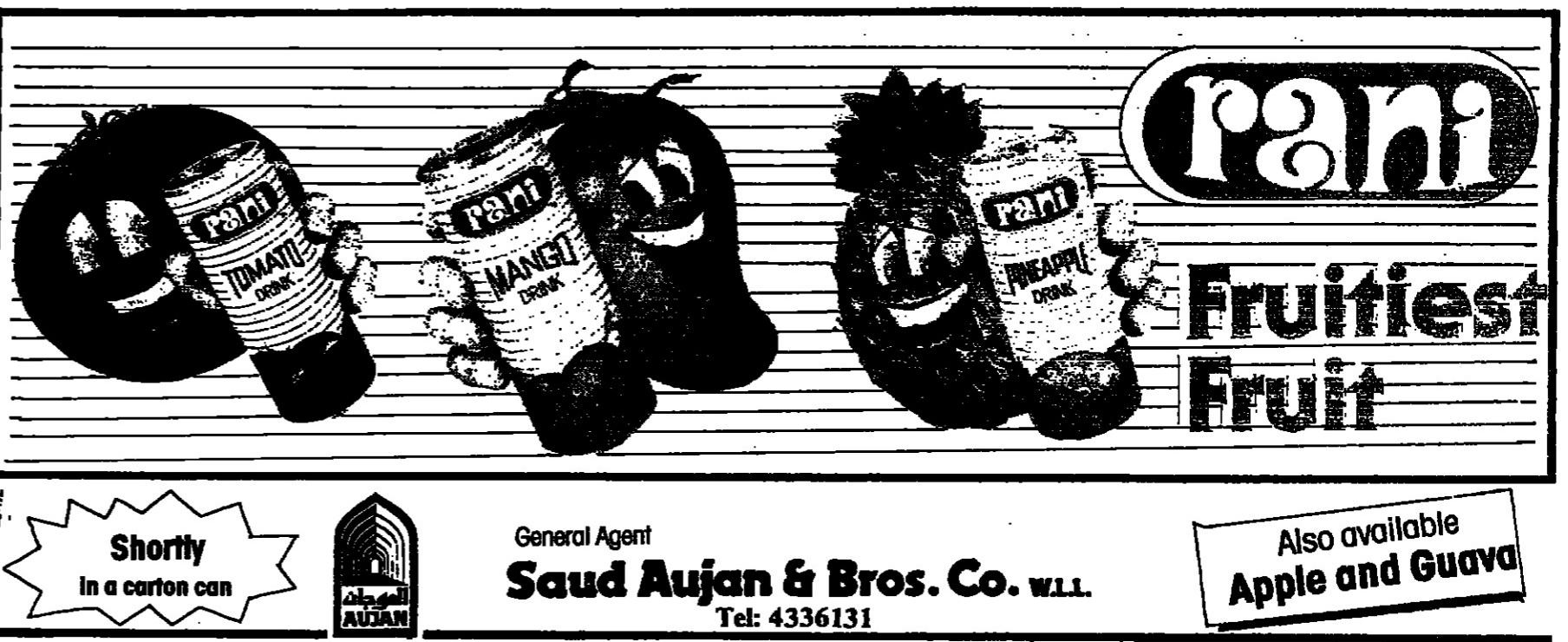
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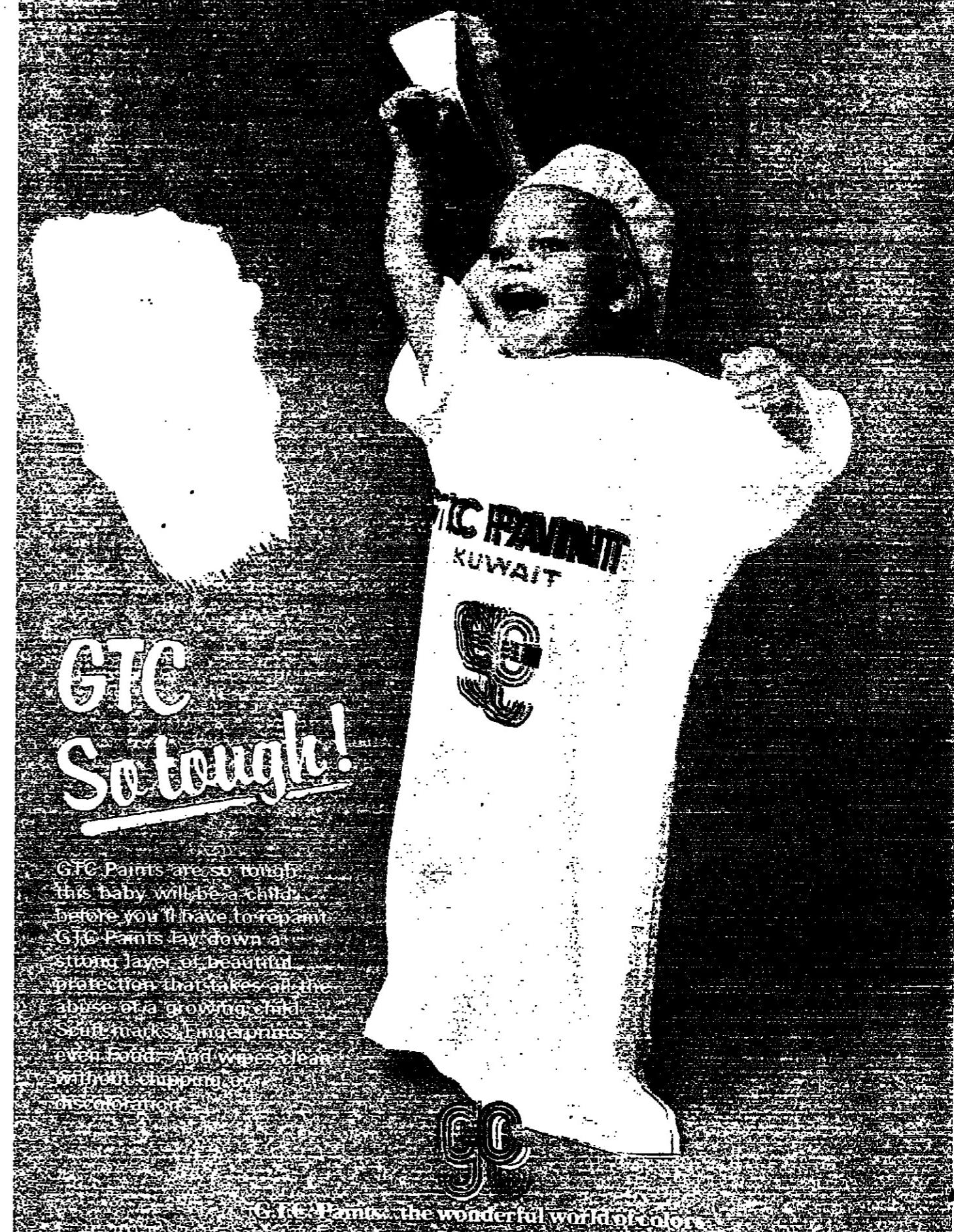
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ZURICH, Switzerland: A landscape painting by Pierre Auguste Renoir valued at \$27,000 has been stolen from a Zurich art gallery, police said.

The thief, canvas, dated 1900 and titled *Les Antilles*, was reported missing after a young man visited the gallery Friday afternoon and left unnoticed while the gallery owner was talking to another visitor. (AP)

PRESCOTT, Arizona: Patrons at Matt's saloon could not believe their luck when rock superstar Bruce Springsteen arrived by motorcycle unannounced, ordered a beer and wound up in a one-hour jam session with the house band.

Springsteen drove up to the country-western bar in northwest Arizona on Friday after travelling from Los Angeles.

Denny Orr, rhythm guitarist for the Mile High Band, said he noticed Springsteen enter the bar and "the next thing I knew, he said, 'Come on, boys. Let's jam.'

Springsteen played *I'm On Fire* from his 1984 multiplatinum *Born To Run*. The USA album plus several others such as *Don't Be Cruel*, *Sweet Sixteen* and *Roads 66* Orr said. (AP)

LAS VEGAS: Nevada Horse Auction from around the world spent almost half a million dollars at an auction of 95 Arabian horses at singer Wayne Newton's ranch.

Sotheby's auction house, which reported the sales Sunday, earlier had predicted the horses would net \$750,000.

About 50 bidders from the United States, Argentina, Mexico, England, Germany, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia participated in Saturday's auction, said Sotheby's spokeswoman, Scaly Hathaway Rodger. (AP)

COVEHEAD, Newfoundland: Rescue crews freed six sperm whales that beached on Prince Edward Island's north-shore national park, but one of the huge sea mammals died.

As a crowd of hundreds watched Sunday, federal fisheries officers sent divers to tie slings, one at a time, around the tails of the cetaceans, which ranged in length from about 40 to 65 feet (12.2 to 19.8 metres).

A jet-ski took the line to a waiting Parks Canada boat, which then towed each whale about 300 feet (91.4 metres) then tried to keep it from returning to the beach by circling it.

The shore-side crowd let out a rousing cheer as the first surviving whale blew a high spout of water upon reaching the open ocean. (AP)

WASHINGTON: A foundation gave away nearly \$700,000 Tuesday for pilot programmes encouraging people to eat less fat — including one that will target meals served at schools and hospitals. (AP)

Washington: Projects to reduce fat were made to 10 states and communities as part of a campaign by project lean, or low-fat eating for America now, to reduce the fat in the American diet from 37 per cent to 30 per cent.

The demonstration projects were selected, with the help of the federal centres for disease control in Atlanta, from more than 250 proposals. (UPI)

LONDON: Britain on Monday launched a trust to support education in developing countries as the official memorial to Harold Macmillan, the former Conservative prime minister.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher hosted a government reception for the start of a campaign to raise £3 million (\$4.8 million) from the Harold Macmillan Trust.

Among those attending were members of the family and political colleagues of Macmillan, who was born in Stockton when he died in 1986 at age 92. (AP)

Not divorced after all

Legal lapses

SANTA ANA, California, Oct 3, (AP): Nearly 500 couples who thought they had been divorced for years will find out they failed to finish what they started.

The Orange county superior court clerk's office discovered the incomplete cases, some as old as a decade, during a purge last month of old files.

Judges and clerks said the legal lapses came about in most cases because couples or their lawyers simply neglected to file final divorce papers.

"What if one of us just won the \$50 million lottery and thought we were divorced?" asked Hank Roed, 52, who recently found out he still was married to Stephanie Ferguson. He thought they were divorced in 1983. "There would be a big financial situation."

Others who remarried have to legalize their current marriage by filing the missing divorce documents, officials said.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: Dissident Czech playwright Vaclav Havel was named winner Monday of the \$16,000 Olof Palme prize for public service.

Havel was cited for "his consistent and brave efforts for truth and democracy," said Foreign Minister Sten Andersson, who is president of the Olof Palme Memorial Foundation.

"Havel is today a uniting figure in the struggle for human rights — not only in his own country. In spite of his beliefs, which resulted in repeated jail terms, his humanistic view on life is unbroken, and through his literary work he is an inspiration to us all," Andersson said. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: A man convicted of murdering his new bride by throwing her off their honeymoon cruise ship was sentenced on Monday to life in prison by a judge who said it was one of the cruellest crimes he had ever seen.

The defence in the trial of Scott Burns, 30, a Santa Monica, California, chiropractor, argued that his wife had hurried his wife to her death in February 1988 to punish her husband for writing a book exposing alleged crimes by the Israeli government.

The book, *Nightmare in Israel*, was self-published in 1987. (Reuters)

NEW YORK: George Burns and Bob Hope teamed up Sunday for a homecoming hug.

Skipper of shipwrecked yacht Rose Noelle, John Glennie, huge prominent New Zealand yachtsman Peter Whiting, Oct 3. Glennie and his three crew members were rescued yesterday after surviving four months adrift in the Pacific on their upturned trimaran. (Reuters photo)

Drugs combination new hope for colon cancer

BETHESDA, Maryland, Oct 3, (AP): A drug used to deworm farm animals saves the lives of some colon cancer patients when taken in conjunction with a well-known cancer drug, the National Cancer Institute said yesterday.

Levamisole, a drug widely used to remove worms from the intestinal tract of cows, horses, goats, sheep and even elephants, was used in combination with 5-fluorouracil, a well-known cancer drug. Together they dramatically increased the survival rate of some colon cancer patients, NCI officials announced.

NCI director Dr Samuel Broder said the treatment appeared to be an important advance. "We might now be able to reduce the death rate due to colon cancer by as much as one third," he said.

Ironically, levamisole is not approved for human medical treatment in the United States, and currently is available to American physicians only under a research programme approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

The drug, developed by a Belgium pharmaceutical firm, is used in Europe to treat intestinal

parasites in humans. The other drug, 5-fluorouracil, or 5-FU, has been a standard in chemotherapy for some cancers for 30 years.

The drug combination was used successfully in a small clinical test and they expanded to a national clinical trial involving about 1,300 American patients. Both studies were under the direction of Dr Charles G. Moertel of the prestigious Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. The NCI sponsored the national trial.

Moertel said the findings showed that colon can-

cer patients at a stage of the disease called Duke C experienced about a one-third reduction in death and cancer reoccurrence after five years when compared to patients who received either no drugs or levamisole alone. He said previous studies showed that 5-FU had no effect on colon cancer.

It was only the combination, said Moertel, that gave "a significant reduction in the death rate," and just how the two drugs work together is not now understood.

Europe adopts new TV plans

US opposes proposal

LUXEMBOURG, Oct 3, (AP): European foreign ministers today adopted a measure strongly opposed by the United States to press local television stations to use mostly home-grown programmes.

The officials, representing the 12 nations of the European Economic Community, approved the proposal during the start of day-long talks on a range of foreign policy and trade issues.

Only Belgium and Denmark opposed the TV plan, according to a community spokesman, who demanded anonymity.

The proposal, called television without frontiers, sparked sharp complaints from the US government and film industry alike.

It sets out the trading bloc's blueprint for opening up television broadcasting as part of the move to a single, European-wide market of 320 million consumers in late 1992.

By that date, the dozen nations of the common market intend to remove the many trade barriers restricting the free movement of money, goods, services and people.

The TV measure would enable broadcasters in Europe to transmit channels throughout the trading bloc as long as they did not violate certain moral and other standards.

But it also contained a provision designed to ensure that — "where practicable" — a majority of entertainment programmes shown on European television be made in Europe.

Martin Bangemann, who is the community's top official on industrial matters, said, "it's not a legal obligation. It's a political commitment."

He insisted at a news conference that the measure was not in violation of international trading rules, as the United States has suggested.

"It does not violate our GATT commitments ... it cannot constitute an infringement of international rules," he said.

US officials have contended the provision would be contrary to regulations set out under the 96-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. GATT is a

Voyager discovers geysers on Triton

PASADENA, California, Oct 3, (UPI): The Voyager 2 probe photographed a towering 5-mile-tall geyser from an active ice volcano on Neptune's frigid moon Triton during the spacecraft's August flyby. NASA announced yesterday, the final day of the historic encounter.

The eruption was photographed by Voyager on Aug 24 while the spacecraft was about 62,000 miles (100,000 km) from Triton. Officials at the jet propulsion laboratory said the "narrow, dark plume" resembled a "smokestack" rising 5 miles (8 km) above the icy surface and "forming a cloud that drifts 90 miles (145 km) west in Triton's winds."

"This is the first time geyser-like phenomena have been seen on any solar system object (other than Earth) since Voyager discovered eight active geysers shooting sulphur above the surface of Jupiter's moon, Io." According to a JPL statement.

"The new finding — Voyager's last hurrah in its journey past the planets — augments Triton's emerging reputation as the most perplexing of all the dozens of moons Voyager 1 and 2 have explored," the statement said.

The discovery, which followed intensive analysis, means Triton is an active world, one still undergoing what amounts to geological change in the far reaches of the solar system.

The finding was announced yesterday, the final official day of the Voyager Neptune encounter with the nuclear-powered probe 2.83 billion miles (4.55 billion km) from Earth and 55.84 million miles (90 million km), beyond Neptune.

Racing out of the solar system at 37,388 mph (60,168 kph), Voyager 2 now will begin searching for the feeble shock wave that marks the boundary of the sun's influence and interstellar space — the invisible edge of Earth's solar system.

Launched on Aug 20, 1977, Voyager 2 flew past Neptune on Aug 24 to cap a 12-year voyage of discovery that carried the hardy spacecraft past Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and finally, Neptune.



Homecoming hug

Skipper of shipwrecked yacht Rose Noelle, John Glennie, huge prominent New Zealand yachtsman Peter Whiting, Oct 3. Glennie and his three crew members were rescued yesterday after surviving four months adrift in the Pacific on their upturned trimaran. (Reuters photo)

Probe ordered

Adrift story full of holes

AUCKLAND, Oct 3, (AP): Officials expressed puzzlement today about several elements of the account given by four sailors who say they drifted for nearly four months in the Pacific Ocean before washing ashore on an island north of New Zealand.

Glenne, the skipper, responding to observations that the crew appeared relatively healthy, told reporters: "We needed a miracle and we got one."

The 42-foot (13-metre) trimaran Rose Noelle left Picton, on the northern coast of the South Island, on June 1 for what was to have been a three-week trip to the Polynesian kingdom of Tonga.

Glenne told authorities the boat was flipped over by a huge wave in a 60-knot wind on the third day of the journey, and that the four activated an emergency beacon after scrambling to retrieve radio equipment, flares, clothing and food.

The crew included Glenne, Phillip Hoffman and Rick Hellriegel of New Zealand; and Jim Nalepka, 38, of Minnesota.

Jeffries, the transport minister, told reporters his department wanted to clarify why the search effort took place hundreds of miles (kms) from where the boat was when it radioed its distress.

In addition, the men did not display boils and sores that would be typical after four months of exposure to sun and

Taming the tumour'

Soviet boy under therapy

ROCHESTER, Minnesota, Oct 3, (UPI): Mayo clinic doctors are trying to shrink a tumour that has triggered the growth of a 7-year-old Soviet boy who stands sixfeet (1.8 m) tall and weighs 200 pounds (90 kg).

Yuri Liden, who arrived at the Mayo clinic three weeks ago, has a tumour the size of a tennis ball at the base of his brain affecting his pituitary gland.

"It doesn't happen very often. It is very, very rare," a clinic spokesman said yesterday.

The chemotherapy is designed to shrink the size of the tumour. It is hoped that by shrinking the size of the tumour it will be easier to remove by surgery, he said.

The spokesman said doctors are monitoring Igor's condition and will continue the drug therapy for about three months. There likely will be radiation and follow-up drug therapy after the surgery.

Vegs cut risk of cancer

LONDON, Oct 3, (Reuters): Scientists studying the link between vitamins and good health say evidence is mounting that eating fruit and vegetables may help prevent cancer.

"There is strong evidence that increased levels of fruit and vegetables are associated with a decreased risk of cancer," said Gladys Block of the American National Cancer Institute, speaking at the start of a three-day international conference in London on vitamins and disease prevention.

In a paper to the conference, NCI epidemiologist Regina Ziegler focused on the apparent benefits of beta carotene, a nutrient found in yellow and orange fruit and vegetables.

She said studies that measured amounts of the nutrient in the blood found that low levels of beta carotene were constantly associated with the subsequent development of lung cancer.

"The simplest explanation is that beta carotene is protective," she wrote.

George Comstock of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said a recent analysis of 6,000 blood samples frozen since 1974 showed beta carotene appeared to cut the risk of contracting lung cancer and melanoma, a cancer of the skin.

Scientists involved in the analysis, called the Maryland Study, checked the nutrient and vitamin level of blood from donors who have contracted cancer since 1974.

Researchers believe that beta carotene blocks or retards damage from normal oxidative reactions in the body which cause cells and tissues to deteriorate.

Americans adopting more foreign babies

WASHINGTON, Oct 3 (AP): The number of foreign babies adopted each year by Americans has passed the 10,000 mark, nearly 50 per cent more than a decade ago, a new study disclosed yesterday.

The increase accounted for much of the overall rise in US adoptions in recent years, said William Pierce, president of the National Committee for Adoption.

Pierce said Americans adopted 10,019 foreign babies in 1987, the most recent year for which immigration and naturalisation service statistics

explained, 7,614 coming from that continent while only 122 were from Europe. Females were slightly in the majority at 56 per cent.

The most common country of origin was South Korea, he said, and the state where the largest share found new homes was New York.

With as many as 1 million American couples unable to have children of their own, and only about 50,000 children available for unrelated domestic adoptions, it is not surprising that Americans are looking overseas for children, Pierce said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Top US court to rule on abortion

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (AP): The US supreme court opened its new term yesterday with announcements that it will hear arguments on restricting abortion rights in three states and the use of police checkpoints to halt drunken driving.

The court will hear arguments in three abortion cases, probably in December or January, that will determine whether it will expand the new regulatory power it gave states last July.

Harvard University law professor Laurence Tribe said the July ruling "began, in a very major way, the dismantling of Roe versus Wade," the court's 1973 ruling that established a right to abortion.

Officials from Minnesota and Ohio are urging the justices to allow laws requiring young, unmarried girls to get parental consent before having abortions. In the third case, Illinois is seeking stricter control over clinics that perform the great majority of abortions.

In the sobriety checkpoint case, the nine-judge panel said it will review Michigan court rulings that struck down that state's checkpoint programme as an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

Courts in other states have upheld virtually identical checkpoint programmes.

Michigan state police first used sobriety checkpoints, modelled after a programme used in Maryland, in 1986.

At a checkpoint site, police directed all traffic headed in one direction to a roadside area where officers checked motorists for signs of intoxication.

If there was no immediate evidence of intoxication, the motorist was given a traffic safety brochure and allowed to drive away. The average delay was about 30 seconds.

The state police department was sued soon after the checkpoint programme began. The lawsuit alleged and a lower court agreed that the checkpoints violated the fourth amendment of the US constitution, which bans unreasonable police searches and seizures.

In other action yesterday, the court:

■ Let stand a ruling by the federal nuclear regulatory commission that concerns over the safe operation of three Illinois nuclear power plants were unfounded. A group of residents sought to stop the plants from operating.

■ Left intact rulings that allowed the federal government last year to sell offshore oil and gas drilling leases on 5.6 million acres (2.2 million hectares) of Bristol Bay, off Alaska's southwestern coast. Alaska sought to prevent the sale because of the danger of oil spills to its economy.

■ Refused to revive an attempt by the Oneida Indians to reclaim some six million acres (2.4 million hectares) of land in central New York state. The court turned down arguments challenging a 200-year-old sale of the land.

■ Agreed to decide whether a federal law unfairly makes it too difficult for coal miners who contract "black lung" disease to obtain a lawyer's help when seeking benefits.

■ Agreed to consider increasing the federal government's power to keep some accused criminals behind bars while they await trial. The court said it will review a ruling in a New Mexico case that forces the government to free, on bail, some defendants deemed to be dangerous or a flight risk before trial.

■ Let stand an Illinois ruling that permits the filing of criminal charges against employers accused of neglecting the health and safety of workers.

■ Refused to hear an appeal by San Francisco policemen who say they lost out on promotions due to unfair preferences given to women and minorities.

■ Agreed to decide whether public employers may be forced to put aside partisanship when hiring, promoting and transferring workers. The court said it will hear an appeal by two men and a woman who said their job status suffered because they didn't support the Republican Party in Illinois.

■ Refused to disturb Virginia's ban on telephone solicitation for pre-arranged funerals.

The court also turned down appeals by eight organised crime figures from New York city convicted in the 1979 killing of crime chieftain Carmine Galante and two of his associates.

The nine-judge panel, without comment, let stand the federal racketeering convictions of family bosses Anthony Salerno, Anthony Corallo and Carmine Persico, high-ranking mobsters Salvatore Santoro, Christopher Furnari and Gennaro Langella, and mob members Anthony Indelicato and Ralph Scopo.

Runcie's unity visit stirs division at home

Archbishop sees Henry VIII's love letters to Anne

LONDON, Oct 3, (Agencies): While seeking unity in Rome, the Archbishop of Canterbury stirred division at home where he was accused of undermining the Queen and the government.

The Most Rev. Robert Runcie attacked Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the view of his critics by comparing the self-righteousness and judgemental attitudes he detected in Britain to those which Jesus condemned in the Pharisees.

"I'm thinking of the sort of attitude that suggests the unemployed do too little to help themselves, that if only you have determination and drive you can get on in the world," Runcie said in an interview with Director magazine that was published over the weekend.

Runcie's call for recognising the Pope as a universal leader of Christians, meanwhile, provoked claims that he was undermining the Queen's role as temporal head of the church.

The archbishop's comments

to Director, the magazine of the Institute of Directors, were widely perceived as another shot in a long-running debate between the government and the churches.

"The present government supports a view of society in which an individual's rights and duties are enhanced," Runcie said.

"That is part of the Christian ethic, but the church balances this with its understanding of Christians belonging to one another and making up the body of Christ," Runcie said.

That notion is at odds with Thatcher's frequently quoted opinion, expressed in a 1987 interview, that "There is no such thing as society."

The free-market, budget-slashing policies of Thatcherism have also been denounced by leaders of the Methodist church, the Church of Scotland and by Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, who accused the government of promoting "yuppie values."

"Jesus reserved his most scathing criticism for the Pharisees," Runcie said. "We tend to think that the Pharisees were unscrupulous, double-dealing, untrustworthy. That was not the case."

"Most of them led lives of exemplary moral rectitude. That did not cause them to escape the sharp edge of Jesus' tongue. He disliked their self-righteousness and their judgmental attitudes."

Runcie "brands Christian Conservatives as un-Christian by implication, by attacking all that we stand for, and that is deeply hurtful," said David Wilshire, a Tory lawmaker and Methodist lay preacher.

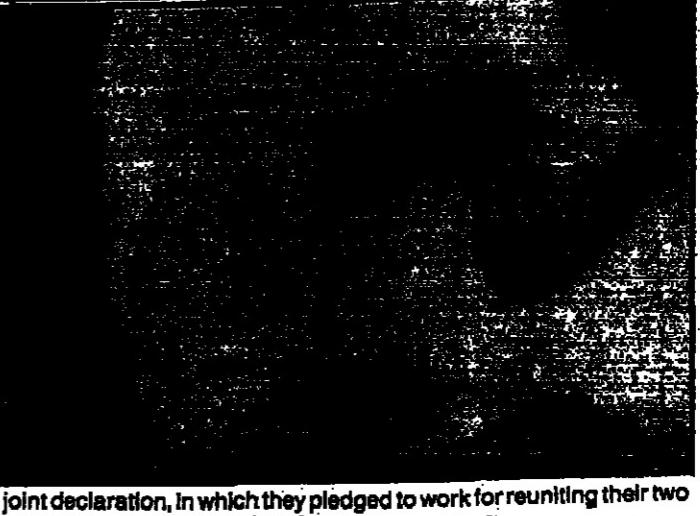
"It is a mistake to blame Mrs Thatcher if there has been a diminution of people's love for God or for one another," said another Tory lawmaker, Ian Gow.

"It is the task of the Church to give leadership to matters which are spiritual."

■ Vatican officials today

showed the Archbishop of Canterbury love letters written by King Henry VIII of England to Anne Boleyn, the affair that caused the Church of England to break with Rome.

Runcie visited the Vatican



Runcie (left) and the Pope signing the joint declaration, in which they pledged to work for reunifying their two churches. (Reuter wirephoto)

VIII to Anne Boleyn before the schism.

"I promise to take you as my only lover, banishing from my mind and heart all others and serving only you," the king wrote to his wife-to-be.

Salvador calls for complete ceasefire

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3, (AP): El Salvador's President Alfredo Cristiani yesterday called for a complete ceasefire with the leftist rebels who have fought to overthrow the government for the last decade.

In his speech to the 44th General Assembly, Cristiani said he would formally propose the ceasefire at a meeting with the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front in San José, Costa Rica, on Oct. 15-17, "because the suffering must be brought to an end once and for all."

Cristiani invited all political factions in the country to join the current government, and said his administration would discuss guarantees of security for the FMLN.

The Salvadoran President said later in a news conference that the rebels' interest in political negotiations is partly due to the Soviet Union's reluctance to continue funding guerrilla movements worldwide.

About 70,000 people have died in the civil war.

Cristiani's rightist Arena Party took office June 1, after defeating the centrist Christian Democrats in elections earlier this year.

The government and the FMLN held a round of preliminary peace talks in Mexico City in September, and resolved to hold more meetings to negotiate a settlement to the war.

On Sept. 22, the FMLN announced it would not extend an 11-day truce that expired that day because they felt the government was not responding positively, and was increasing repression.

In response to the FMLN last week launched their first nationwide offensive since May. Seventy-eight people were killed or wounded in the combat.

Honduran Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras told the General Assembly that peace within Central America is essential for the stability of the region. The Dominican Republic's Foreign Minister, Joaquin Ricardo Garcia, shared that view.

■ Panama: Panamanian opposition leader Ricardo Arias Calderon, freed yesterday after a day in jail for promoting civil resistance, vowed to continue the struggle to remove military强人General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Attorney-general Carlos Villalaz said Arias Calderon's release was temporary and his activities would be investigated "until we gather other elements necessary to merit renewed detention."

■ Peru: Prime Minister Guillermo Larco Cox named five new cabinet ministers yesterday, among them a prominent union organizer, completing a shakeup said to be aimed at freshening the ruling Aprista's Party image before national elections in April.

Local political analysts saw the Cabinet reforms as part of an effort by the centre-left Apristas to improve its image, which has been tarnished by economic crisis and leftist guerilla violence, before the presidential and parliamentary elections.

Maoist guerrillas stepped up attacks across Peru on Sunday and yesterday, killing eight people, wounding 13 and launching a series of bombings in the resort town where seven Latin American presidents will meet for a summit next week.

■ Nicaragua: The first day of voter registration for next February's presidential elections went smoothly, with about 30 per cent of eligible voters signing up, an international observer said yesterday.

An opposition coalition accused electoral authorities of foot-dragging and said about half its representatives were not given credentials to observe the registration on Sunday.

Joao Batista Soares, secretary-general of the Organisation of American States said reports from the 52 OAS observers deployed around the country showed about 570,000 of an estimated 1.9 million eligible voters had signed up on Sunday.

In 1988, Washington had 23.2 deaths before age one per 1,000 births. Preliminary data showed that for the first six months of 1989, the rate soared to 52.3 deaths per 1,000, a 40 per cent increase.

That would be higher, for example, than China, Jamaica, Chile, Mauritius, Costa Rica, Panama, South Korea and Uruguay, on the basis of World Bank statistics for 1987.

The US infant mortality rate was 9.9 per 1,000 births in 1988 and the rate among blacks was about twice that of whites.

Blasts show no sign of abating

Barco faces cabinet crisis

BOGOTA, Oct 3, (Reuter): Two bombs damaged a video rental shop and a chemist's shop in Bogota last night as a campaign of drug-related bombings in Colombia showed no sign of abating, police said.

The blasts in the capital's northern district of Alhambra caused heavy damage but there were no casualties.

Two other bombs exploded at a bank and political party headquarters in the Caribbean port city of Barranquilla.

Squads of combat troops have been patrolling Bogota and authorities set up 120 roadblocks but the measures could not prevent an increased number of bombings over the weekend against schools, supermarkets and banks.

About 110 bomb attacks have rocked Colombia in the past five weeks in what police say is a "narco-terrorist" campaign of intimidation and violence of drug traffickers at war with the government.

At the weekend the government scored its biggest success in the drug war so far with the arrest and extradition from Ecuador of alleged trafficker and Medellin cocaine cartel member Evaristo Porras.

Porras was deported from Ecuador where he was arrested last week and brought to Bogota yesterday.

He faces drug-trafficking charges in Peru and smuggling charges in Colombia. Unconfirmed reports said the United States was preparing a request for his extradition.

Also last night in Cucuta, capital of Norte Del Santander province bordering Venezuela, a huge fire completely destroyed the Spanish colonial era building housing the governorship.

Fire brigade spokesmen could not immediately explain the origin of the fire but there was no evidence it was caused by an explosive device.

President Virgilio Barco returned from an appearance at the United Nations to face political squabbling yesterday that threatened to divide his cabinet.

The problems Barco faces in maintaining a competent body of advisers include threats and presidential hopefuls who want their backers in the cabinet.

He still is seeking a new minister of justice, the ninth since he took office three years ago.

Meanwhile, former justice minister Monica de Grier, in an interview on NBC's "Today" television programme, denied that her resignation was a victory for the drug lords.

"Although I was like a symbol in other parts of the world, I was not a symbol in Colombia," she said. "I was just working for the justice. I was trying to help a lot the judiciary system and I don't think they (the drug lords) would see it like a victory."



Cartels uniting

Keeping lines open

LOS ANGELES, Oct 3, (AP): Rival Colombian cocaine cartels may be joining forces to keep smuggling lines open during their government's crackdown, according to a federal agent investigating a record cocaine seizure.

Drug agents were surprised to find cocaine from both the Medellin and Cali cartels in a Los Angeles warehouse where 20 tons of cocaine was seized, John M. Zienter, the Drug Enforcement Administration's special agent for Los Angeles, said yesterday.

The cartels are named after the Colombian cities where they are headquartered.

"It very well could be that, based on the pressure in Colombia, this is a way cartels are trying

Alarming US trend

Infant drug deaths

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (Reuter): Drug experts warned yesterday that a 40 per cent rise in deaths of babies born to cocaine-addicted mothers in Washington could signal an alarming national trend.

In the first half of this year, 169 babies died before their first birthday, sending the infant mortality rate soaring in Washington, where infant deaths have ranked the highest among big US cities.

In 1988, Washington had 23.2 deaths before age one per 1,000 births. Preliminary data showed that for the first six months of 1989, the rate soared to 52.3 deaths per 1,000, a 40 per cent increase.

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virtually none of these lifetime demonstrated commitments," the editorial said, referring to Rudolph Giuliani.

The paper, which prints all its articles in both Yiddish and English, was established in 1897, with roots in the Jewish immigrant labour movement.

Life was definitely easier for New York City's Republican mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, when he was the Manhattan federal prosecutor hunting the mafia, fighting Wall Street cheats and turning down major offers from the Reagan admin-

istration.

Running for mayor is turning into a disaster for a man once considered to be the rising star of the Republican Party's next generation of leaders.

Ten months after the polls declared he would be the certain winner in the battle to be the next mayor, Giuliani is like the boxer lying on the mat who never saw any of the punches coming.

With five weeks to go before the November election, he can't seem to do anything right and the polls show him 20 points down and sinking.

Global Aids cases rising

Maximum in US

GENEVA, Oct 3, (UPI): Reported global Aids cases rose by 4,498 or 2.53 per cent in September to reach 182,463 as of Oct 1, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said today.

The United States accounted for three-quarters of the increase with 3,325 additional cases for a total 104,210 — 57.1 per cent of the world total.

WHO officials quickly emphasised, however, that the United States was as usual among the few countries to send updated figures to the UN health agency's department for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.

The global total published each month is cumulative since WHO began keeping statistics in 1980 when there were 105 cases.

Experts estimate the true number of cases to be at least two or three times the reported figure because African nations in particular lack facilities and medical personnel to diagnose the disease.

They further say that at least half of all known cases so far have resulted in death.

There are now 152 countries reporting one or more cases of Aids with 25 others still completely free of the disease.

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■ Refused to disturb Virginia's ban

INTERNATIONAL

**Earned day's keep**

Happy Cambodian children ride home with their earnings of the day on a pedicab after working in a market in Phnom Penh. Dozens of children work at the market stalls. Picture taken Sept 29. (Reuter wirephoto)

Khmer gains three towns

US wants to isolate Viets

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, Oct 3. (AP): Non-communist guerrillas are consolidating recent gains and attacking another town defended by government troops in northwestern Cambodia, Western and guerrilla sources said.

On Saturday the Khmer People's National Liberation Front launched what it called a "general offensive" against the pro-Hanoi government. They claimed to have overrun three towns and 10 other military positions.

Vietnam, which previously fought alongside Cambodian government forces after invading the country in 1978, says it withdrew all of its troops a week ago.

The United States intends to continue its policy of diplomatic and economic isolation of Vietnam in hope of prodding Hanoi to help settle Cambodia's civil war, a top US official said yesterday.

US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State David F. Lamberton credited the isolation policy with helping produce last month's withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia.

Lamberton said the United States has already made it clear that normalisation of relations can occur only "after a complete and verified withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Cambodia in the context of a political settlement."

The Thai Foreign Ministry

Peace kept, think S. Koreans

US stay favoured

SEOUL, Oct 3. (AP): Most South Koreans think US troops deployed in South Korea help ensure peace, and want them to stay, a newspaper reported today.

The English-language Korea Times said a Gallup poll conducted for the South Korean Defence Ministry found that 84 per cent of those surveyed believed US troops helped keep peace on the divided Korean peninsula.

The report said 72 per cent of those surveyed opposed the with-

drawal of US troops.

Some 43,000 US troops are based in South Korea under a mutual defence treaty against communist North Korea.

American forces have been in the South since North Korea triggered the three-year Korean war in 1950.

North Korea and some South Korean radicals contend the US forces are preventing reunification of the peninsula. South Korean officials say US forces are vital to prevent another North Korean attack.

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Moro chief warns of war in Philippine south

MANILA, Oct 3. (Reuter): Muslim separatist leader Nur Misuari said today Philippine government proposal to grant semi-autonomy to 13 southern provinces would only start another war in the region.

Speaking by telephone from the Libyan capital, Tripoli, he said President Corazon Aquino's plans to devolve power to the provinces would deny real political and military autonomy to the south and would only worsen unrest on Mindanao Island.

"She will precipitate another war in the south because this forecloses the last avenue to peace,"

said Misuari, who is head of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

More than 50,000 people were killed in a separatist war on Mindanao in the 1970s. Aquino hopes the act she signed on August 1 and which is due to go to a referendum in the provinces on November 19, will end decades of unrest.

Campaigning for the referendum opens tomorrow. Aquino is pushing for acceptance of the so-called organic act for the autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao which would allow the provinces to elect a regional executive and legislative branch

and keep a larger share of locally-generated taxes.

Opposition leaders said they would begin their own campaigning against the act at rallies in two towns in Zamboanga Del Norte province, 700 km (440 miles) south of Manila.

The government has sought to weaken international support for the country's Muslim separatists.

On September 28 it formally recognised the state of Palestine and said a document signed by the two sides barred Palestinian support for the MNLF, the main separatist group.

Misuari said the move did not weaken the position of the MNLF, which has been pressing for a separate state since 1972.

"The Palestine issue is a separate issue...it does not have any implication whatsoever (for Mindanao)," he said.

He said the MNLF still had the backing of the national Organisation of Islamic Conference and accused Manila of trying to undercut the OIC's mediating role in the conflict by pushing for the new act.

Student dissent flickers in China

BELING, Oct 3. (Reuter): China's leaders may have succeeded in wiping out any open display of opposition to their rule but there are signs that student dissent in Beijing is still alive.

Arrests, interrogation and surveillance of students who took part in this spring's pro-democracy campaign continue and students are still being forced to write self-criticisms, according to sources at several universities.

Authorities conducted a night search of dormitories at one university to make sure no protests were being prepared for Sunday's national day celebrations marking 40 years of Communist rule, said a student.

Supreme leader Deng Xiaoping was among 100,000 selected guests who watched a fireworks display on Sunday in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, the centre of protests until a bloody military crackdown on June 4.

Soldiers are still camped in Beijing's university district where they have been stationed in forces since the crackdown. Trucks of helmeted soldiers, armed with automatic weapons, patrol university areas at night.

Police checkpoints have been set up inside some colleges to examine identity documents and sometimes bags and packages.

Officials have not said how many arrests were made, but sources said classmates of only minor roles in the protests were being detained and questioned by police.

Despite the tough measures, posters have appeared on at least two campuses proclaiming the formation of the Beijing autonomous students' union number two, activists said.

The original independent students' union spearheaded the democracy movement earlier this year until the military assault on central Beijing on June 3-4 that cost hundreds if not thousands of lives.

At least eight have been arrested and some are believed to be held at Qinching, a maximum security prison near Beijing for political detainees.

Two weeks ago a slogan painted on a wall of the Beijing Communications University declared "the democracy movement has not and will not be crushed."

Posters at two other leading universities soon followed, announcing the return of the autonomous student union. One was tacked up at Beijing University, springboard of this year's protests, students said.

"The authorities can't control this type of guerrilla propaganda," said a university professor.

Beijing mayor Chen Xitong,

who helped direct the suppression of dissent, was furious when he learned of the poster, according to a Chinese with police contacts.

"Security forces were immediately sent to investigate, but they left without a clue as to the poster's origins," he said.

Underground student organisations have been formed to discuss politics, with a change of government as their aim, said a university teacher.

In India's staunchly anti-communist President Suharto congratulated China on its national day for the first time since relations turned sour a few years ago, a foreign ministry official said.

Diplomats said the message sent to President Yang Shangkun for Sunday's 40th anniversary of the People's Republic of China was another step in the rapprochement between the two countries which have been at odds since Jakarta accused Beijing of having an abortive coup attempt in 1965.

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**Marcos honoured**

Left: The Marcos family, including former first lady of Philippines, Imelda (centre) Ferdinand Jr., and daughter Irene (right) stand with representatives of American

Veterans for Marcos from Berwick, Pa. The group's president, Allan Johnson (dark suit) presented an American flag to the family. The group stood for the playing of

the "Taps". Right: A caretaker at the Spanish-style Manila villa of Marcos shows the gutted bathroom once used by Imelda. Supporters of the exiled ruler are holding

vigil every night in the house for Marcos who died. (Reuter wirephoto)

Part of Filipino political tradition

'Body politics' at its best

MANILA, Oct 3. (AP): The standoff over where to bury Ferdinand Marcos is the latest example of "body politics" — a Filipino game

Corazon Aquino's supporters once played a game to rally a nation and topple a dictator.

Rules of the game demand protracted wakes and vigils.

Players include grieving relatives who regale reporters, television audiences and crowds of spectators with tales of injustice and with appeals to respect Filipino tradition.

The object is to play on the Filipinos' almost mystical respect for the dead to promote the cause of the deceased and the fortunes of the living.

Since Marcos died Thursday in exile in Hawaii, Manila radio and television stations and newspapers have in daily reports showed

the grieving widow, Imelda, standing before the former president's open coffin.

Mrs Marcos has vowed to do all she can to return her husband's remains to his homeland, despite President Aquino's refusal to allow that.

"I also ask for your prayers to give me strength so that I will see the victory of my struggle to clear the name of President Marcos and the whole nation," Mrs Marcos said in a radio interview broadcast today.

Six years ago, Mrs Aquino's husband, Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., was murdered moments after returning from the United States to challenge Marcos.

After the Aug 21, 1983 slaying, the Aquino family held a nine-day wake during which thousands of people filed by to view the body, still dressed in the blood-soaked clothes in which Aquino died.

Perhaps 2 million people turned out for the funeral, as Aquino's body was paraded over a 19-mile (31-km) route aboard a 10-wheel flatbed truck.

The outrage over the killing galvanised anti-Marcos sentiment and paved the way for the uprising which toppled the longtime president and propelled Aquino's widow into the presidency on Feb 25, 1986.

Marcos' mother, Josefa Edralin-Marcos, died on May 4, 1988. But Marcos' followers hoped to use her death to dramatise their leader's exile and embarrass the government into allowing him to return.

Mrs Edralin-Marcos remains unburied, lying in an open casket in Batac, 250 miles (400 kms) north of Manila. Marcos' loyalists carry on a vigil which has been largely forgotten.

Youths beaten like wild dogs

Thatcher visit only if Mandela freed

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 3. (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said she will never visit South Africa unless jailed black leader Nelson Mandela has been released, a newspaper reported today.

Thatcher, in an interview with four South African journalists in London, said she did not believe creditable black leaders would negotiate with South Africa's white-led government until Mandela is free.

The British leader also reiterated her opposition to imposing economic sanctions on South Africa to protest its apartheid policies of racial segregation, said Business Day, South Africa's leading financial daily.

South African President F. W. De Klerk has called for an end to discrimination and says he wants to

negotiate a new constitution that would bring back the black majority into the national government within five years.

But Thatcher said the South African government certainly does not have five years to get negotiations with black leaders going.

Asked if she planned to visit South Africa, Thatcher told Business Day: "I will never come unless Mandela has been released (and has) freedom to speak."

Mandela, 71, is the head of the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement and is the country's best known black leader. He has been imprisoned since 1962 and is serving a life sentence for sabotage.

They (foreign correspondents) should report us as outsiders to outsiders," Lee said. "You are a foreigner, you are a guest, don't meddle in our politics."

He said they not only kept in touch with opposition party leaders but also actively suggested to them how to go about demolishing the People's Part Action (PPA) government.

He pointed out that some foreign correspondents went to the extent of suggesting to opposition party leaders to raise questions of human rights and freedom of expression in Parliament.

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Textbook revision lawful: Tokyo court

TOKYO, Oct 3. (Reuter): A Tokyo court ruled today that the Ministry of Education was within its rights to demand changes in high school textbooks describing Japanese atrocities during World War Two.

Asian neighbours, victims of Japan's aggression during the war, have severely criticised the ministry for revisions which played down Japanese army brutality.

The author of the book, Saburo Ienaga, filed a lawsuit against the ministry in 1984, accusing it of violating a constitutional ban on censorship.

Presiding Judge Kazuo Kato found the ministry had acted within constitutional boundaries in all but one of eight counts.

Ienaga revised the textbook, but 70 passages were still deemed unfit, and after a screening in 1983, the ministry rejected the book entirely.

Ienaga contended that eight of the changes the ministry demanded were excessive and violated constitutional guarantees on the freedom of expression.

"It is not unconstitutional for the state, entrusted with the child's training, to determine necessary educational limits," Judge Kato said.

INTERNATIONAL

Supreme Soviet temporarily bans strikes in key sectors

MOSCOW, Oct 3, (Agencies): The Soviet Parliament today banned temporarily strikes in energy, transport and other essential sectors to ensure supplies of food and fuel before the onset of winter.

The Supreme Soviet, or inner Parliament, adopted by a vote of 364 to six a resolution calling for an end to rail disruptions in the volatile Transcaucasus region where rail ship-

ments to Armenia have been blocked by Azerbaijani workers for more than a month.

The resolution authorised the government to use troops if necessary to restore order on the railways in the troubled region.

Referring to a series of strikes that have hit the country in the last few months, it specifically banned stoppages in transportation, energy, raw materials and metallurgy,

pending passage of a law on labour disputes.

The resolution was drafted after a meeting of a group of deputies who amended two earlier versions, one of which would have slapped a blanket ban on strikes for the next 15 months.

President Mikhail Gorbachev declared himself satisfied with the Supreme Soviet's work, saying it would "help restore a normal

life."

"This is a decision in support of perestroika," he said.

After hearing a government proposal yesterday — backed by Gorbachev — to ban all strikes, a joint session of the Supreme Soviet's two chambers spent all of today in debate.

The legislature eventually voted 364-6 in favour of a temporary ban on strikes until it

can approve full legislation governing strikes.

A detailed law regulating strikes may be ready as soon as next week. While debating strike legislation, the Supreme Soviet approved nearly half of a draft law in an article-by-article debate. Many key issues have not been approved.

The draft law would ban strikes that could threaten the lives or health of people, and also

in transportation, communications, energy, defence industries and government organs.

A working panel of legislators met all night to discuss the proposed ban on strikes for 15 months. They rejected it as "unconstitutional."

The Supreme Soviet instead heard a proposal from the floor to ban strikes only in key industries.

Kinnock lambasts out-of-date Maggie

Labour Party changes nuclear policy

LONDON, Oct 3, (Agencies): Neil Kinnock, leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party, said today he agreed with President Bush that changes in Eastern Europe had given the world a special opportunity to move from an era of peace with tension to an era of peace with trust.

But in a keynote address at the party's annual conference, in Brighton, he said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was "out of touch and out of date" on a wide range of issues — from the way she reacted to change in Eastern Europe, to British isolation in the 12-nation European Economic Community, the environment and a host of domestic issues, such as water privatisation and increasing mortgage rates.

Kinnock's hour-long speech was made a day after party delegates voted overwhelmingly for the abandonment unilateral disarmament —

a policy widely believed to have cost Labour the last two elections.

Kinnock said the move would mean a Labour-led government would hold a strong position in international arms control negotiations.

"Our position will contrast very starkly with a government that is completely paralysed," Kinnock said after delegates voted by a 3-2 margin yesterday to reject the stance.

"We are now at the beginning of the time when we can, in the words of George Bush when he visited Germany earlier this year, open up the possibility for Europe to forgo the peace of tension for the peace of trust.

"Even in the few months since he said that, Poland and Hungary have had their first free elections in many decades. Televised proceedings of

the Congress of Peoples Deputies in Moscow has shown us the extraordinary and encouraging sights of democratic arguments in that body," he said.

Careful not to miss a swipe at the government, he added: "They [the Soviets] got the telly [television] in their House of Commons months before we got it ours."

Although the party's triumph on disarmament was started by a successful motion of its disarmament to cut defence spending by £5 billion (£8 billion) if it comes to power, Kinnock stressed the need to assist countries experiencing change in eastern Europe while maintaining "armed security" in NATO.

"There will still be divisions between East and West, there are of course suspicions and rivalries built over more than 70 years of Soviet communism which are not going to vanish in a year, or five or 10 years and because of that security will still continue to be maintained," he said. "The result is increasingly unclear... the 'security' of negotiated disarmament and the security of developing social and other relationships. In other countries in the Nato alliance that is not only understood, it is being pursued with a vigour that is absent from the British government," he said lambasting the way Thatcher referred to the changes as a period of "tension and danger."

"She shows she is from the Greta Garbo school of diplomacy — I want to be alone," Kinnock said.

On the Middle East, the conference endorsed a resolution reaffirming the British socialist party's recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

The resolution called on Israel to withdraw from the occupied West Bank and start direct talks with the PLO. It also supported the "right of the Palestinian and Israeli people to independent statehood and self-determination with sound, internationally recognised borders."

Earlier today the party set out plans to boost living standards for the low-paid today, promising to raise income tax for the wealthy and cut it for the poor.

John Smith, Labour's chief financial spokesman, said that a Labour government would also introduce a national minimum wage expected to benefit about four million workers, most of them women.

"These policies will offer a better life to millions in this country and begin to spring some of Britain's poorest families from the poverty trap," Smith told the party's annual conference.

Personal income tax would be reduced for the lower-paid, while those on higher incomes would pay more tax. Maternity and child benefits would be improved while pensioners and the disabled would also be better off.

Smith said that under Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher Britain had become an unjust society characterised by a system of incentives for the wealthy few and penalties for the many poor."

Tropical storm alert at Guam

AGANA, Guam, Oct 3, (AP): The US navy, coast guard and air force evacuated ships and planes as this US territory in the western Pacific braced today for its brush with tropical storm Colleen, which was expected to intensify into a typhoon, authorities said.

Colleen was expected to pass 51 miles (82 km) south of here in the morning, with sustained winds at its centre of between 70 and 75 miles (112 and 120 km) per hour.



Adams heckled

Protesters tried to stop the leader of the IRA's political wing addressing a meeting in England yesterday just 10 days after the guerrilla organisation killed 10 bandits at an English army barracks.

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams was about to address a fringe meeting at the British opposition Labour Party's annual conference in Brighton when two protesters rushed the podium. Stewards ejected them after a scuffle. A third man who shouted abuse was also bundled out.

Labour's Northern Ireland spokesman, Kevin McNamara, said Adams wanted "to come and gloat at the scene of that terrible crime."

Labour leaders also expressed anger that Adams should be given a platform in Brighton, where five years ago a bomb planted by the Irish Republican Army nearly killed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and members of her Cabinet during her Conservative Party's annual conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

Yazov at US civil war site

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (AP): Soviet Defence Minister Dimitri Yazov, making his first visit to the United States, is meeting with President George Bush today and touring a major US civil war battlefield.

Pentagon officials said Yazov's trip to the battlefield in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, where union troops turned back Gen. Robert Lee's confederate soldiers in a key, bloody battle was prompted by his interest in the war between the states.

Yazov met yesterday for more than four hours with Defence Secretary Dick Cheney at the Defense Department, officials said.

A senior official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, described the talks as "relaxed, candid, generally non-political, informative." The goal of the talks, the official said, were to "improve understanding between the two sides," as well as "enhance stability and predictability."

The main topics of discussion were "how national security and defence decisions are made in the two countries," as well as military strategies, defence spending, regional conflicts and arms control negotiations, the official said.

Specifically, US officials sought information about the Soviet Union's promise to make unilateral troop reductions and to cut the defence budget by 14 percent.

"The Soviets gave us some details.... you always learn something new," the official said, but he declined to provide details.

Asked if Cheney and his advisers were confident about Soviet pledges to scale back defence spending, the official said, "we'll have to see."

IRA bomb factory uncovered

UDR will get plastic bullets

BELFAST, Oct 3, (Reuter): The Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR), the mainly Protestant force at the centre of a row over stolen intelligence files on suspected Republican sympathisers, is to be issued with plastic bullets, Britain's Northern Ireland minister confirmed today.

Their use would be tightly controlled and the UDR would not be able to fire them in riots, Peter Brooke said.

In comments likely to anger the Dublin government on the eve of crucial Anglo-Irish security talks, Brooke said a police probe into the security file leak was making good progress.

There was no need for a total overhaul of the security forces, he told reporters.

Northern Ireland police are investigating at least seven leaks of security information which may have been passed by rogue British police and soldiers to Protestant killer gangs fighting to keep Northern Ireland British.

Potentially the most damaging allegation emerged yesterday when police began investigating reports that a secret renegade group within its ranks had leaked intelligence files on Irish Republican Army suspects to a Belfast newspaper.

The nationalist Irish news said the group, calling itself "the inner circle," was dedicated to

security sources said.

Soviet tanks get tougher skin

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (AP): The Soviet Union is equipping some of its tanks with layers of special armour that can withstand certain types of US missiles, a prominent US Congressman said.

The Soviets have bolted two and three layers of reactive armour to their T-72 tanks — a discovery members of the House of Representatives armed services committee made during their trip to the Soviet Union in August, said committee chairman Les Aspin.

Reactive armour, unlike solid armour, consists of wrap-around steel shields with layers of high explosive between them. The extremely heavy shields are detonated when hit by an armour-piercing missile.

Armour-piercing missiles employing a shaped charge — an extremely powerful and focused blast — were devised to penetrate thick armour.

FBI spy case: Former FBI agent Richard W. Miller was in prison on the fifth anniversary of his arrest even though his conviction and life sentence for conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union have been dismissed.

"I think there's something very wrong with a system that allows a man to be held five years without a fair trial," Miller's attorney, Stanley Greenberg, said. (AP)



End of the road

Austria's most wanted man Udo Proesch sought for 18 months in connection with an alleged insurance swindle involving a ship sinking in which six seamen died, outside prison after his arrest at Vienna airport on Oct 2. (Reuter wirephoto)



Worth a fortune

Japanese sales promoter Izumi Kurihara takes a careful look at 18K gold chopstick (centre) entrusted with 11.25 carat diamonds, worth five million yen (\$34,500) along with ivory chopsticks topped off with a silver snake and a silver dragon priced at 50,000 yen (\$345) during a chopstick exhibit in Tokyo Oct 3. (Reuter wirephoto)

Bullet train celebrates birthday: Japan's "bullet train" built for speed and named for its shape, is 25 years old.

On Oct 1, 1964, the first bullet trains began flying at up to 210 kilometres per hour (131 miles per hour), making the 518-kilometre (324-mile) run between Tokyo and the western city of Osaka in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

The trains have never been involved in a major accident. (AP)

Taiwanese demand release: Supporters of dissident Hsu Hsing-Liang on Tuesday demanded his release on bail within a week or they will stage a protest on Taiwan's National Day.

Lin Chen-Chieh, organiser of a committee to support Hsu, vowed at a news conference his group will organise supporters to "bring the dissident home" on National Day Oct 10 if the high court continues to refuse Hsu bail.

Highbrow prosecutor Chen Yao-Neng yesterday denied Hsu bail during a hearing at the detention centre where he is being held. The hearing was marred by a confrontation between Hsu supporters and riot police. (UPI)

Soviet-Japan ties: The Soviet side attaches great importance to the inclusion of a peace treaty with Japan, the absence of which significantly affects the overall climate of Soviet-Japanese ties, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman told a briefing here today.

The politician was lamenting delays by authorities in tackling problems like keeping high tides at bay, the upkeep of crumbling monuments, and depopulation.

Jana said Libyan control of Venice would be a "logical and historical" move because of early Arab connections to the city.

Italian writer Alberto Ongaro, commenting on the Libya proposal, told journalists: "Let's hope that the prospect of becoming Libyan citizens will frighten Venetians into swiftly solving the problems that Khaddafi wants to take over."

arriving at the Gare de Lyon, and M. Fouquet, a guard whose job was to check the doors of a second commuter train hit by the one driven by Saulin. (UPI)

Rowicki dies: Witold Rowicki, the founder and the conductor of the Warsaw National Philharmonic orchestra for nearly a quarter of a century, died at the age of 75, according to the state news agency PAP.

Rowicki, who died Sunday of undisclosed causes, had remained active as a guest conductor since leaving the National Philharmonic in the mid-1970s.

He was "one of the artists whose art has brought the greatest fame to Polish musical culture," PAP said. (AP)

2 Turks killed: Two Turkish citizens were killed and four injured in a head-on collision between a Turkish bus and a Yugoslav truck in southern Yugoslavia yesterday, the state news agency reported.

The accident occurred at 13.30 local time (1230 GMT) between the Serbian towns of Vranje and Bujanovac some 300 kilometres (180 miles) south of Belgrade.

The victims have not yet been identified, the report said. (AP)

French Army to dress in style: The French Army will march out stylishly in 1991 with new uniforms designed by sophisticated Paris fashion house Balmain.

Defense Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement, interviewed on French radio today, said Balmain's uniforms would come in a shade of grey-blue dubbed "Terre de France."

Balmain, the fashion vehicle for Danish stylist Erik Mortensen, declined to discuss details of the contract. But the deal should be a profitable one, with 28,000 men and women in the land forces. (Reuter)

Charged with manslaughter: Two employees of the state-run railroad company Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Francais were indicted today on charges of manslaughter in connection with a June 27, 1988, accident at a Parisian station that killed 56 people and injured 43 others.

The two indicted at the Paris tribunal were Daniel Saulin, 44, the driver of an inbound Melun-Paris commuter train that crashed while

tropical forests.

"It's the first time governments have come together to discuss elements of a convention on climate change," Daniel Lashof, a senior environmentalist at the US-based natural resources defence council, told Reuters.

The treaty, which should be signed by

1992 at the latest, could freeze or cut emissions of carbon dioxide — a by-product of common forms of energy such as oil, gas, coal and wood — and other gases like

methane.

"We're really getting down to the nuts

and bolts of what the nations of the world

are going to do about climate change," World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) activist Adam Markham said.

Carbon dioxide is a harmless gas but in

the upper atmosphere it traps the earth's

heat and is thought to be responsible for

half of the greenhouse effect, or global

warming.

Scientists are not sure exactly what

the greenhouse gases will have

many policy-makers believe it would be

foolish to wait before taking decisive

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Polish reds to change facade

WARSAW, Oct. 3. (Agencies): Polish communists have decided to change the name of their party to regain credibility and warned today the nation may revolt against the new government of Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki unless price hikes are stopped.

Politburo member Leszek Miller said the leadership of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party polled its two million members on whether to change the name of the party.

He said one million members took part in the poll and 72 per cent voted for "the transformation of the party into a new party, with a new programme and status."

The Communist Party was formed in 1948 on instructions from Moscow after forcing the Polish Socialist party to merge with it.

It has led the nation from one economic crisis into another, with the situation in the last two years on the verge of catastrophe.

A report handed to party officials and made available to reporters warned, "the new government will collapse when the prices hikes have not been stopped and hungry people will turn to the streets."

Prices of some food commodities have grown 1,500 per cent since August, and new increases are expected to be announced.

The report speculated the Solidarity government has intended to provoke a spontaneous uncontrollable protest by raising prices "to give a final blow to the communists."

Under pressure from the people and Solidarity, the party agreed to give up its "leading role," an unprecedented event in the East bloc since the end of World War II.

As a result, Mazowiecki formed a new 19-member cabinet at the beginning of September with only four communists in it.

"Miller, in his address to the plenary meeting of the Communist Party's 200-member central committee, called on the party not to split before the scheduled party congress."

Earlier another official said it might be called Polish socialist party of the working people.

Jerzy Radzikowski, a party official from Krakow, said the party's name must be changed because all the past economic failures are associated with it.

"We don't have credibility of the party's name now because of the party's name," he said.

Another party official, Stefan Peterk, charged Mazowiecki with installing capitalism in the country — a reference to efforts to develop a market-oriented economy — and said the party should be ready to defend the people against the growing costs of living.

"will stage protests," he said.

Mazowiecki will likely come to the Soviet Union on a landmark visit by the former Solidarity activist, a Soviet official said.

Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfiliev told reporters that Mazowiecki is expected to come to Moscow.

"The date of the visit is now being negotiated," Perfiliev said. ■ King Juan Carlos of Spain started a three-day visit today, the first foreign head of state to come to Poland since the Solidarity-led government ended 45 years of communist rule.

■ Hungarians' Reformers and conservatives are heading for a showdown in Hungary at a congress of the ruling communists which could break up the party or turn it into a Western-style socialist group.



Toast to the party

A woman holds a bottle of Hungary's newest beer called "Papa's newest beer" bearing the portraits of Hungary's four top Communist Party leaders. The party faces by mid-1989 Hungary's first multi-party elections since the communist takeover in the late 1940s.

11,000 allowed to go West

GDR suspends visa-free travel to Czechoslovakia



An East German woman refugee sits in front of the West German embassy in Prague. (Reuter wirephoto)

20,000 march for reforms

E. Germany worried

LEIPZIG, East Germany, Oct. 3. (Agencies): East German church sources said today that at least 20,000 people took part in a protest march for democratic reforms. They called it the largest such march in East Germany since 1953.

Six people were hurt and at least eight arrested when police in Leipzig broke up the demonstration last night, the sources said.

The initial estimates put the number of demonstrators at between 10,000 and 15,000 people, but the sources said on condition of not being identified the number was much larger.

The march was the largest opposition demonstration in East Germany since 1953, when workers' protests throughout the communist state were put down by Soviet troops and tanks.

Witnesses said the protest took place after traditional Monday prayers at Leipzig's Nikolai church. They said the marchers moved through the centre of the city shouting, "Gorby, Gorby," and "Erich, stop fooling around, bring on perestroika."

The shouts referred to reforms encouraged by Soviet President

Soviets 'halt' psy abuses

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3. (AP): Soviet authorities have formed an independent commission to monitor psychiatric abuses, an embassy spokesman testified yesterday. But some US experts said the Soviet have not done enough to be readmitted to the World Psychiatric Association.

Soviet embassy spokesman Georgi Markosov appeared before a House of Represen-

Pravda blasts Bonn

MOSCOW, Oct. 3. (Reuter): The Soviet Communist Party daily Pravda blasted West Germany for allowing East German refugees into its Warsaw and Prague embassies, saying Bonn's actions threatened European stability.

The Pravda article was the strongest Soviet criticism so far of Bonn's role in the recent exodus of thousands of East Germans to the West.

"In recent weeks the FRG (West German) embassies in Prague and Warsaw have taken a path that has nothing to do with normal diplomatic activity," it said.

"This situation is not the fault of the GDR (East Germany), the responsibility for it lies completely with Bonn."

The newspaper accused Bonn of dashing East German hopes that it would not let more refugees into the embassies once East Berlin allowed 6,300 to leave for the West over the weekend.

East German officials had expressed the hope that on the FRG side measures would be taken to guarantee normal work of its embassies in accordance with international law," Pravda said.

Instead, the events of the last few days demonstrated how Bonn's policy of claiming responsibility for all Germans could aggravate relations between the two German states, it said.

"The West German activity is clearly short-sighted, putting under question everything positive that was reached with great effort in relations between the two German states, it assault stability in the centre of Europe, which is necessary for all the peoples of our continent," Pravda said.

Nine Red Cross workers and four doctors were already in the Prague embassy, and additional staff may be sent to help out.

BONN, Oct. 3. (Agencies): Thousands of East German refugees will be evacuated Czechoslovakia to West Germany in the second such East German-backed operation in three days, a senior official said in Bonn today.

Rudolf Seiters, a close aide to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said the estimated 4,700 East Germans holed up in the West German embassy in the Czechoslovakian capital of Prague would be evacuated by train — probably tonight.

He said it was likely thousands more would be allowed to join the exodus from Prague — where he said 11,000 East Germans were currently staying.

He said the evacuation was decided by the East German authorities, who told him of the plan this afternoon.

"I am in a position to announce that the government of the GDR (East Germany) has decided to allow all refugee-seekers in the embassy in Prague to emigrate to West Germany," said Seiters, a minister in the Chancellery.

He said the first train would be ready to leave Prague at 8 pm today.

Seiters expressed "our great relief, particularly in view of the many small children, the women affected by the decision, we are talking here of a humanitarian decision."

Seiters said earlier that about 4,700 refugees had gathered on the crowded embassy grounds in the hope of gaining passage to West.

On Sunday almost 7,000 East Germans were evacuated to West Germany through East Germany from the embassy in Prague and from Poland. Virtually as soon as they left hundreds of others climbed over the fences and rushed through the gates of the embassy.

Seiters did not say whether a similar evacuation would take place for the more than 200 refugees in Warsaw.

The announcement came a few hours after the East German authorities said it suspended a policy that allowed its citizens to travel without a visa to Czechoslovakia.

Embarrassed by the mass exodus of its citizens on the eve of the state's 40th birthday celebrations, the East German authorities announced a suspension of visa-free travel to Czechoslovakia.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl immediately tried to arrange a telephone talk with East German leader Erich Honecker about the refugee crisis but was rebuffed.

Government spokesman Hans Klein said: "The answer from East Berlin was that no time for a telephone conversation could be confirmed before the celebrations for the 40th anniversary (on Saturday) of the foundation of East Germany."

Honecker's refusal to talk reflected mounting anger in East Berlin over Bonn's handling of the crisis.

In a speech to war veterans today Honecker defiantly defended his decision to curb travel to Czechoslovakia and accused Bonn of insolence over the refugee crisis.

"Precisely now people in West Germany believe they can turn East Germany upside down with a comprehensive attack," he said.

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Stop genocide, appeals JVP

Sri Lanka troops on offensive

COLOMBO, Oct. 3. (Agencies): A militant Sinhalese group has asked the United Nations to intervene to stop what it called a government-engineered genocide attempt claiming 200 lives a day.

A copy of the appeal by the People's Liberation Front, an ultranationalist guerrilla group trying to overthrow the government, was given to reporters today.

Claiming the government had decided to kill 1.2 million civilians, the front called upon the international community to discuss the plight of Sri Lankans at an international forum.

It also urged an international boycott of the country's harbours political and cultural sanctions against the government.

One-fourth of the government's intended targets were People's Liberation Front members, said the appeal, entitled "nation under siege of state terror." It was signed by the group's general-secretary, Upasissa Gamgawaya.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman, demanding anonymity, said the ministry had not yet seen the statement, and declined comment.

The statement was released as the government ended a six-day ceasefire against the radicals, triggering fears of renewed killings.

The front rejected the temporary truce, and the government said the extremists killed at least 80 people during it.

The appeal did not refer to the ceasefire. It said according to "high-ranking sources" within the government security forces, each soldier "has been asked to kill off at least 10 civilians."

In a bid to end the violence, President Cyril Ranasinghe Premadasa is currently holding talks with all opposition leaders. The front has refused to attend the inter-party talks.

General Cyril Ranasinghe, Defense Minister secretary, said operations against the JVP resumed when the unilateral truce lapsed at 6 am today.

Ranasinghe said the hardline rebels had done an unbelievable amount of damage during the ceasefire.

"A large number of houses post offices and government buildings were burned. Last night two factories went up in flames," he said.

The latest victims of the JVP included nine people belonging to the families of two police officers, a naval rating and a member of the Air Force.

JVP members in their southern coastal stronghold of Matarai district also unleashed a spate of arson attacks, torching four post offices, a local government office, a telephone exchange, an electricity board office, two state-owned buses and two homes, one owned by an army officer.

In the Kegalle district, rebels set ablaze the Ambadeniya rubber factory, 70 miles (110 km) east of Colombo. Damage to the facility, one of the most important of the rubber-producing area, was put at 26 million rupees (about \$650,000), police said.

Military sources said unidentified gunmen shot dead a young lawyer today after forcing him into a car near a courthouse at Gampaha in western province.

Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ranasinghe yesterday declared that foreign support to dissident groups had fuelled his island's ethnic conflict.

Government troops and police were ordered to resume counter-insurgency operations after a six-day ceasefire ended today, a government statement said.

Turkey rules Britons need visa

SRINAGAR, India, Oct. 3. (UPI): Muslim protesters today fought security forces in clashes that left at least 25 people injured on a fifth straight day of violence in Srinagar, the summer capital of the Jammu and Kashmir state, 400 miles (650 km) north of New Delhi.

The strike was called to protest the arrest last Thursday of Shabir Shah, a leader of one of the several underground Muslim extremist groups that advocate the succession of Kashmir from predominantly Hindu India and union with the neighbouring Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

At least six people have been killed and hundreds injured in violence that has erupted every day since the beginning of the strike last Friday.

Policemen reported fresh clashes Tuesday between demonstrators and security forces in Srinagar and at least two towns in the Kashmir valley.

They said at least 25 people, including five police officers,

were injured in unrest in Srinagar, but gave no details on casualties elsewhere.

In Srinagar's Karan Nagar area, police fired warning shots in the air to disperse about 300 protesters staging a procession and shouting slogans, including "down with police rule in Kashmir" and "long live Pakistan."

Hundreds of stone-throwing protesters and security force personnel fought pitched battles in the city's Sonwari neighbourhood, police said.

In Shah's hometown of Anantnag, 40 miles (60 km) south of Srinagar, some 400 protesters gathered in the streets during a two-hour relaxation of a curfew and hurled rocks at police, army troops and vehicles, police said.

Police said clashes also occurred in the town of Sopore during a curfew break and protesters set ablaze a Hindu-owned shop. A local court building was torched by demonstrators in the nearby town of Kulgam, they said.

Jammu and Kashmir is India's only predominantly Muslim state, with the bulk of its 6 million Muslim residents living in the northern Kashmir valley and surrounding areas.

Turkey cancelled a 1960 non-visa agreement in June and imposed entry visas for all Turkish travellers after more than 1,500 Turks flew to Britain and applied for political asylum in May.

Turkey said on Aug. 1 British passport holders would need entry permits from November.

Many of the Turks sought asylum in Britain in May. They were from southeastern Turkey were most of the country's estimated eight million Kurds live.

Kissinger testifies Desai did not spy for CIA as claimed by Hersh

CHICAGO, Oct. 3. (Reuter): Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, testifying in court for the first time on national security matters, said yesterday he had no reason to believe that one-time Indian leader Moraji Desai spied for the United States.

"My impression is that Mr. Desai is a man of great integrity," Kissinger said of the 93-year-old former Indian Prime minister who is suing author Seymour Hersh for libel.

At issue is a claim in Hersh's 1983 book "The Price

of Power" that Desai was paid \$20,000 a year by the Central Intelligence Agency during the administration of former US president Lyndon Johnson to reveal Indian government secrets.

Kissinger, called to testify in federal court by Desai's lawyers, said the United States had excellent intelligence sources in India during the administration of former US President Richard Nixon, who succeeded Johnson in office and for whom he was national security adviser.

While he said he did not know the names of sources — "we didn't want to be briefed as to names" — he testified in response to several questions that he doubted Desai would have been among them.

Asked if Desai was reporting to the CIA in 1969, 1970 or 1971, Kissinger said "I had no such reason to believe that."

Asked by Hersh's lawyer if he would have known, one way or another, whether Desai supplied

Applied education conference October 21-24

Health control committee for schools

THE Executive Committee for the Continuous Applied Education Conference held its 29th meeting at the Social Welfare and Continuous Education Service Department at the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training yesterday under the chairmanship of the general rapporteur Ghiloom Al Attar.

Discussions at the meeting dealt with the preparations currently under way for the conference which would be hosted at the Kuwait Regency Palace during the period from October 21-24.

Discussion also dealt with the tasks assigned to the special work teams involved in the preparations for the conference as well as those of the follow-up committee which would record the proceedings of the conference sessions, and preparations of the full content of the special release to be issued at the conclusion of the conference.

Attar added that the conference information committee recommended follow-up of executing its plan in co-ordination with the public media, including Kuna regarding all matter published about the conference, whether before or after it.

He added that the committee also recommended follow-up of all information coverage and letters and research papers and studies submitted for discussion at the conference, while the conference's secretariat committee was instructed to continue operating evening hours throughout the convening of the conference until the conclusion of its activities.

Participants in this event included personalities from in and outside Kuwait and preparatory meetings had already been held with directors of conference symposia and sessions to lay down the management policies of their duties, whereby to ensure smooth progress of all conference-related activities.

Supervision

In a related development the controller of educational services at Hawalli educational area Bilal Abdullah Al Saleh has said that health and supervision committees in charge of schools' cafeterias and canteens have been formed to make all arrangements ensuring the safety of students and the cleanliness of food and other eatables offered by these facilities at schools.

He told a local daily that this matter received due concern from the ministry, which reflected top-level attention to students' health, social and educational services.

He pointed out that these committees

acted as a link between the ministry, the Health Ministry and Kuwait Municipality, each according to its line of duties, as part of the tasks assigned to them; such as following up the performance of municipality inspectors in charge of supervising schools' canteens and cafeterias.

Saleh added that these committees also received reports submitted by the municipality inspectors, studied them and laid down the necessary recommendations for the Department of Schools' Activity for follow-up with the competent authorities.

He also said that the committee also reviewed sanitary conditions at the school cafeterias and their compliance with food validity dates and cleanliness code, and that based on the recommendations adopted, the contracts signed with these cafeterias could be extended or rescinded.

Commerce Ministry to open quality control centre

CONTROLLER of the Quality Control Centre at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Sheikha Al Bader stated that the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Faisal Abdul Razzaq Al Khaled will soon open the Quality Control Centre.

Sheikha stated that the two ministerial decisions issued by the Minister of Commerce and Industry recently relate to indicating the fees required to conduct tests, physical examinations and chemical analysis of some industrial products and materials at the Quality Control Centre. The centre will implement these decisions from the date of publication in the official gazette.

Sheikha stated that the centre will take over duties on implementing quality control and adherence to specifications on local products and similar imported products. In addition to these duties the centre will grant a quality control trademark to local industries and will conduct tests on product samples and provide applicants with reports on examination results.

Sheikha stated that the centre's laboratories located in Rai Area South from the Fifth Ring Road will conduct tests on products like cement, and other construction materials.

She indicated that the centre has a total of six laboratories to conduct different types of examinations on materials. The centre will then conduct technical tests on these materials after completing quality control tests and will prepare an initial inspection report.

She stated that licences are presented to manufacturers to give them the right to use the quality control trademark on the commodity valid for a year. The centre will also have the right to conduct surprise inspections on factories to ensure safety of products.

Labour meet

AMMAN, Oct 3, (Kuna): The ministers of labour in the Arab Co-operation Council states met here today to discuss the movement of labourers in the ACC countries which groups Jordan, Egypt, Iraq and the Arab Republic of Yemen.

They also discussed preparations related to the exchange of expertise and visits.



S. Korean envoy

Governor of the Capital, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdallah Al Sabah received at his office yesterday, the new South Korean Ambassador to Kuwait, Su Byong Yung on the occasion of his appointment to Kuwait. They exchanged cordial talks and discussed subjects of mutual interest.

Local consultants may handle projects

Plans to develop Kuwait airport, Bubiyan island

PLANNING Ministry Assistant Undersecretary for Programmes and Follow-up Affairs, Bader Al Bahar announced yesterday that the Consultancy Houses Selection Committee has greatly succeeded in implementing the wish of HH the Amir to award local projects to national consultancy houses.

Bahar said that the department of advisors, acting as secretariat for the committee is currently studying and evaluating a number of government projects like the Oil Complex Building, Agricultural Affairs Building, parking at the airport, the third improvement plan on Kuwait's Master Plan in addition to many others. The department is also studying projects like the master plan for Kuwait Airport, the development of Bubiyan Island, a station for treatment of industrial waste and others.

Bahar added that the department has recently completed a number of other projects and allotted them (86 per cent of this year's projects) to national consultancy houses like the study on central control of traffic lights, the sports complex at Shuaikh and others. The planning minister is paying great attention to the issue of classification of the Kuwaiti consultancy houses based on their expertise and organisational structure.

Classification

A committee has been already set up to carry out the classification. He said that the Department of Advisors follows up the working of the Consultancy Houses Selection Committee and other sub-committees. It also accepts the registration of international and local consultancy houses and co-ordinates with the government bodies, in studying technical and financial offers submitted by consultancy houses. It also follows up the technical performance

and standard of the consultancy offices through annual reports it receives from various government sides.

Bahar said that the consultancy houses selection committee has in its membership representatives from the Ministry of Planning, Council of Ministers Secretariat, Fatwa and Legislative Department, Ministries of Public Works, Electricity and Water, Communications and Kuwait Municipality. He stressed that the committee has been actively working to encourage Kuwaiti consultancy offices and houses to gain enough experience. He added that the Ministry of Planning formed a committee in 1981 to discuss the operations of the Kuwaiti consultancy offices. Among the most important proposals of the committee is a recommendation to grant all government projects to Kuwaiti consultancy houses. It allows them to seek assistance from foreign consultancy houses in some highly specialised matters, provided the international house is duly registered and approved by the Ministry of Planning.

Bahar said that projects with high technical specialisations are granted to international houses, with the pre-condition that Kuwaiti consultancy offices share in studying some parts of these projects in accordance with their capabilities. But he said that only Kuwaiti houses are currently invited for all government projects. This has greatly benefited the national consultancy houses and gained them great experience. The results of a questionnaire distributed to the Kuwaiti consultancy houses and offices with the aim to classify them, are being studied and analysed at the Planning Ministry. After completion of comprehensive study a classification data bank will be established, Bahar said.

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Pan-Arab industrial co-operation imperative

GOIC warns of EEC strength

Such negotiations could be conducted from a position of financial power. Arab Gulf countries commercial exchanges with the European countries is very immense in volume.

The

existing challenge facing the Arab world is the fact that European countries are well-established industrial countries, catering to giant markets with powerful purchase potentials.

This enables European industrial projects to compete with all other industrial activities throughout the world, particularly in the Arab world, which mainly depends on small markets with limited purchase potentials.

Arab countries must also organise the process of transfer of technology, accord top priority of purchase within their local markets to Arab products and jointly launch industrial projects, which required time and close co-operation to unify all view points in this field, he said.

Negotiations

Khawajiyeh expressed his belief that the Arab countries could study a number of their national industries which are characterised with certain relative advantages. This data could be the initial basis to enter into negotiations with the European countries aimed at facilitating the access of Arab industrial products into European markets.

He

stressed the importance of industrial development as a main source of income, and a major tributary to the national budget, as well as an irreplaceable alternative to oil resources.

Khawajiyeh added that "Industrial development is the sole gateway to major structural changes that could lead to the building of a giant production base capable of diversifying the sources of national income, reduce unemployment and increase per capita income."

He pointed out that the advantages of industrialisation include the positive utilisation of available production potentials. This will assist the national economy and ensure safe investment of oil returns, generate job opportunities for the coming generations to receive European products — reciprocity being the theme.

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Khawajiyeh deplored the fact that the proposed Arab Common Market is still a thought despite the world rush to form economic blocs. The reasons for lack of action in this direction by Arab countries was the insistence of some countries to accord top priority to regional issues, the existing difference or economic policies and system in the Arab countries and the strong influence of political differences on economic co-operation.

The Arab world possesses an unlimited range of investment opportunities and could therefore accommodate all Arab financial deposits abroad within the framework of an organised Arab Common Market, he said.



LIRG at the Sheraton

The Kuwait Sheraton Hotel recently gave a reception and dinner to honour both the members of the Local Interline Group of London who were visiting Kuwait on a familiarisation tour of the area and the members of the local Kuwait group.

The groups were given an extensive tour of the hotel and obtained a thorough knowledge of the facilities and services offered to the guests of Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

Symposium on Jerusalem Day

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Kuna): Advisor at the Amiri Diwan Abdul Aziz Hussein today presided over a meeting for the Quds (Jerusalem) Committee and the Arab Institute in Al Quds.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Chairman Yousef Al Fleij and deposed Mayor of the Occupied Jerusalem Rouhi Al Khatib.

Kuwait learnt that the discussions tackled conditions of education in the occupied territories especially in Al Quds College and the Arab Institute patronised by Kuwait.

Hussein chairs the board of trustees which supervises work of the two institutions.

The discussions also tackled political, social and living conditions in the occupied lands under the occupation authority's repressive measures.

Chairman of the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Al Sager on the other hand has described the celebrations of Jerusalem Day and the related liberation anniversary as a ritual of self-inflicted pain in atonement of long-harbored feelings of guilt.

He said in his opening speech at the Jerusalem Day symposium organised by the Jerusalem Charity Fund and Kuwait Graduates Society that the event always activated deep old wounds and stirred profound feelings of guilt and shame.

He reviewed the long history of Jerusalem since the Crusade up to the liberation war led by the Saladin Al Ayoubi, stressing that the liberation of Jerusalem after 88 years was not a stroke of luck, but a military achievement resulting from a bitter honest and long-waged war based on a strong conviction in Allah Almighty's help.

The fall of Jerusalem and the ensuing liberation is a lesson from which one must learn that the weakness of the Muslims reposed in their disunity and lack of solidarity under the banner of Islam, Sager said.

Unity

He stressed that the factors of unity entailed the presence of a supreme objective, which nursed the feelings of solidarity and the need to attain the long-sought goal.

He added that all efforts exerted to consolidate solidarity must serve to promote the struggle waged to liberate Jerusalem and not to facilitate capitulation, giving in to despondency and losing faith in our doctrine.

Abdullah Al Taweeq of the Kuwait Graduates Society briefly underlined the historical importance of the city of Jerusalem which still needs deliverance from the yoke of the Zionist coloniser. He said that the Jerusalem Liberation Day coincided with the repeated calls for storming Jerusalem.

Struggle

He reviewed the long bitter struggle against the crusaders led by Saladin and the current intifada of the Palestinian people, being the greatest achievements in modern history.

Dr Subhi Ghousie of the Jerusalem Charity Fund said that the memory of the liberation of Jerusalem from the crusaders is an important historical turning point which left far-reaching effects throughout the centuries.

Iran-Iraq stalemate must end, says UAE

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3, (Kuna): The United Arab Emirates joined other Arab states today in calling on Iraq and Iran to settle their conflict in comprehensive peace negotiations.

"The stalemate in the negotiations, in other words, the situation with no peace and no war, does not serve the interest of either country," UAE Foreign Minister Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi told the General Assembly.

Noting the strong interest by all countries in the region in the restoration of peace, he expressed hope for a new round of early negotiations and appreciation for the secretary-general's role in trying to push the peace process forward.

On the problem of Palestine, Nuaimi rejected the Israeli election plan for Palestinians, calling it a propaganda ploy to improve Israel's image in the West and an effort to relieve Israel from the pressure of the intifada as well as international pressure.

The Palestinians, he warned, will continue their struggle "despite the oppression of the Israeli military machine and its inhuman practices, and despite the innocent children and young men and women who are martyred every day on their national soil."

Nuaimi spoke of the need for an international peace conference in which all the parties should participate, including the PLO.

Kuwait supports joint Arab action: Rabiaan

Unified account to finance organisations

THE director of the Economic Organisation at the Ministry of Finance Khaled Al Rabiaan has said that the Arab Joint Labour Organisations are currently commencing a new and vitally important stage of their march in the service of the Arab nation.

He told a local daily that the executive steps to reconstruct the structural set-ups of Arab organisations would be the subject of discussion at the meetings of the Arab Socio-Economic Council scheduled to be held at the Arab League headquarters in Tunis during the period from October 23 to 26.

He said that Kuwait had always shown great concern and continued support for joint Arab action whereby to ensure that it would cater to the important objectives of the march of the Arab world's present and future.

He reaffirmed Kuwait's steady and

staunch stance in supporting Arab organisations, the role it so far had played on vital levels to enable these organisations to perform their duties and be able to fulfil their objectives.

He said that the eight-man ministerial committee had formed a team of experts under the leadership of Dr Abdul Hasan Zalzaleh, assistant secretary-general for economic affairs at the Arab League to lay down detailed recommendations for optimum carrying out of the ministerial decisions covering all financial, legal and administrative procedures.

Rabiaan added that the committee, through full understanding and awareness of its national role and historical responsibility, had been able to fulfil the desire of the Arab countries for collective work, shedding light on the significance of reorganising joint Arab action in line with the new Arab economic developments

whereby to maximise exploitation of all available potentials.

He pointed out that a special committee had been formed to oversee the merger of three Arab industrial organisations which include the Arab Industrial Development Organisations in Baghdad, the Arab Organisation for Mineral Resources in Rabat and the Arab Standardisation and Specifications Organisation in Amman into one under the title the Arab Organisation for Industrial Development and Min-

Special committee

He added that the decision of the Socio-Economic Council taken at its extraordi- nary session on this subject provided two options for rearranging the existing structure of this sector, and that the eight-man ministerial committee was then assigned to select the best option of the two, and that

the selected option provided for the establishment and promotion of a technical organ at the Arab League secretariat general under the supervision of the communications and transport ministers to undertake all services performed by this sector.

He added that the team of experts had issued recommendations on the Council's decision to set up unified account for financing Arab organisations, and lay down the operational system for the countries to fulfil their obligations towards these organisations by commissioning the Arab Monetary Fund to arrange for payments in line with a pre-determined time schedule.

He said that the scale of payroll and wages at the Arab Joint Labour Organisations would be unified in line with scale of payroll and wages used at the Arab League Secretariat General, as provided for by the Council's recommendation.

Revamping at Higher Education Ministry

THE Undersecretary at Kuwait's Higher Education Ministry Dr Muhsin Al Haroun said that a committee will be formed for the setting up of the final structural organisation of the ministry.

In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the committee will also set up the necessary job descriptions for different posts at the ministry soon. Such a step will help for the ministry's administrative and technical apparatuses, he said.

The undersecretary said that the ministry is striving to attract nationals to meet ministry requirements for different specialisations.

He clarified that Kuwaiti employees have proved efficient in several areas. He called for the organising of the necessary training courses to upgrade the efficiency of Kuwaiti employees.

Meanwhile, the official has called for cutting down on red tape and what he called pure centralisation by having more confidence in employees. He added that open dialogue and debates between employees and officials is necessary to develop the employee and the job.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Saad receives

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Kuna): His Highness the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Salem Al Sabah today received at Bayan Palace Acting Premier and Foreign Affairs Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

HH also received Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri, Minister of Transportation Abdullah Abdul Mihsin Al Sharhan, Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan and head of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij.

Shamlan meets envoy

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Kuna): Higher Education Minister Dr Ali Abdullah Al Shamlan yesterday received separately ambassadors of Federal Republic of Germany and Finland to Kuwait.

Talks between Shamlan and the two diplomats dealt with cultural and educational relations between Kuwait and their countries and means of boosting them.

W. German envoy

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Kuna): Public Works Minister Abdel Rahim Al Houti today received West Germany's ambassador to Kuwait.

The meeting discussed means of promoting bilateral co-operation and issues of mutual interest.

GCC Youth Council

RIYADH, Oct 3, (Kuna): The sixth meeting of the Council of GCC Youth Ministers will commence here today.

The officials are to discuss during their two-day meeting topics pertaining to youth activities in the GCC states.

First inception in 1982, the GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman.

The GCC ministers of Social Affairs and Labour had previously issued a decree to celebrate Oct 1 as the Arab Child Day, which Kuwait has already celebrated.

GCC military meeting

RIYADH, Oct 3, (Kuna): Chiefs of staff of Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) armed forces began their ninth meeting in Riyadh today.

The opening session was addressed by Bahraini chief of staff Brigadier Abdulla Bin Salman Al Khalifa, also chairman of the meeting. The official Saudi Press Agency reported giving no details.

International climate meeting

DHAHRAN, Oct 3, (Opecas): Saudi Arabia is to take part in a meeting of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in Geneva next month.

The kingdom's delegation will include experts from the Saudi Aramco company who will present a paper on increased concentration of certain gases in the earth's atmosphere and the implications of the greenhouse effect for the oil industry.

Saudi Arabia took part in the second meeting held by the IPCC in Nairobi in June this year. Established in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the IPCC is charged with studying changes in the world's climate and to suggest what steps should be taken to reverse the process.

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Kuwait may buy Mirage fighters

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Kuna): Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber acknowledged here today that Kuwait is studying plans to purchase a number of French-made advanced Mirage 2000 fighter planes.

In a published interview, the minister appeared very cautious to discuss the subject but said that "this issue is part of several alternatives that will be decided in accordance to the needs of our army."

The plan is still under review and as you know we do not follow fixed standards when we make the selection," Sheikh Nawaf stressed assuring that "we face no difficulty in acquiring what we need."

The remarks of the defence minister, the first by a Kuwaiti official on the issue, were made to a local Arabic daily in an interview published on its front-page.

Sheikh Nawaf said, "In this regard, I would like to point to the fact that Kuwait's purchases of weapons are not linked to a certain party as we deal with the East and West and in the case of some weapons, the sale is not related to ongoing anywhere."

The police station of Firdous area invited the forensic medicine department and the Criminal Intelligence Department to perform an autopsy. The relevant report indicated the cause of death was a heart attack. Her colleagues at school said the girl was often absent from school because of illness.

On another matter, the defence minister expressed hope that the recent visit of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad to Iraq would lead to "wider horizons of co-operation of various fields and levels" between the two Arab states.

He pointed out that Kuwait, which supported Iraq in its war against Iran during the eight years of bloodshed, is a "small and peaceful country."

"Kuwait did not stand with Iraq out of enmity or a desire to fight anyone. Kuwait is a small and peaceful country seeking goodness and reconciliation among states," the minister asserted.

"Kuwait's" reputation — than God — does not need any recommendation and as for the person of His Highness the Amir, he is well known even before he became the Amir and the Chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

"I believe the enemy before the friend acknowledges the courage, vigor, truthfulness and nobility of this man," Sheikh Nawaf said.

Citizens can help reduce crime: Qahtani



Salem receives Lankan envoy

The Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah received at his office yesterday Sri Lankan Ambassador to Kuwait Latif Sharif Deen.

Police file

16-year-old Kuwaiti school girl found dead

A 16-YEAR-OLD Kuwaiti girl was found dead at the campus of her school, a local daily reported.

The girl studying at the Al Firdous Secondary School was found dead near the stairs. Initially, her colleagues believed she was in a coma.

The police station of Firdous area invited the forensic medicine department and the Criminal Intelligence Department to perform an autopsy. The relevant report indicated the cause of death was a heart attack. Her colleagues at school said the girl was often absent from school because of illness.

3 years for illicit sex

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a couple to three years rigorous imprisonment to be followed by deportation for having illicit sexual relations.

The court was told that the couple who were both working as domestics in the same house engaged in an adulterous relationship. Their respective spouses were away in their homeland.

The court was told that this relationship led the woman becoming pregnant. Based on this evidence, the two were sentenced by the court.

Theft at co-op

SEYASSA learnt yesterday that some workers at Fintas Co-operative Society discovered some contents of the store stolen during the regular stock-taking. Sources added that authorities recalled some workers and began investigations at Fintas police station.

Traffic accidents

ONE man was killed and two were injured in 15 road accidents reported by police during the last 24 hours. Six of these accidents were reported in the Capital, 7 in Ahmadi and two in Jahra.

Arrested for impersonation

CAPITAL detective forces arrested a Kuwaiti man on charges of impersonating a detective and committing a crime. The convict was referred to concerned authorities.

Theft rampant around Kuwait

CRIME cannot be completely eradicated in the world and the same parallel applies to Kuwait, Major Mohammed Fahed Qahtani, head of Ahmadi Governorate Patrols, said in an interview.

Elucidating, the official said that with the assistance of security officers, co-ordination between patrols, police stations and the assistance of citizens and expatriates, the level of crime could be drastically reduced.

Interviewed by a local daily, Qahtani said that patrols of the Ahmadi Governorate work towards lightening pressure on police stations. Other duties include escorting official processions on visits to the governorates, in addition to performing their normal range of duties.

After the patrols were organised whose functions, amongst others, include close surveillance of the vital oil installations in the area, large number of giant factories, in addition to patrolling a coastal road which stretches to the southern borders with Saudi Arabia. The area is considered a semi-desert area and consequently is in dire need of more patrols.

Qahtani added that the leadership had also disbursed patrols at residential areas in addition to patrols at coastal roads. Border protection procedures are the responsibility of other authorities, while areas like Waifa, Zour, and Al Nwaseeb are included in Ahmadi Governorate security responsi-

bilities. He commented that there is no vital need for establishing patrol centres along the coastal road.

Explaining the objectives for establishing inspection blocks at roads, the official said that it is intended to search for suspects and is intended as a protective measure. It is particularly designed to arrest those who violate residency laws.

Speaking on the various crimes committed, he said that thefts accounted for the majority. These registered an increase during the summer months, during which period most families left on vacations. He attributed the high rise during this period to juveniles who are also on holidays. Car thefts also increase during the summer months, the official said.

Also speaking on the security issue, Major Abdullah Rashed, head of the patrols section at Ahmadi Governorate, said that the Ministry of Interior is keen to implement a strict security system aimed at protecting residents and preserving their safety. He indicated that the number of accidents in Ahmadi Governorate is within acceptable limits. He revealed that Ahmadi Governorate patrols have stopped and arrested fifty car owners who cause disturbance to others and the traffic. Rashed added that the patrols work according to a shift system; mornings from 5:30 am - 1:30 pm, evening from 1:30 - 9:30 pm and a third late night shift from 9:30 pm - 5:30 am.

He indicated that setting up inspection

points is conducted according to a studied programme which is approved by officials at the governorates. He rejected that the department suffers from shortage in equipment, cars, and individuals indicating that the ministry has provided the governorate with all essential requirements to undertake assignments efficiently.

Security

Meanwhile, Captain Mohammed Sayer Al Enezi, the controller of Administrative and Technical Affairs at the patrols leadership stated that he is responsible for all administrative and clerical duties. He is also responsible for all military vehicles, and arms violations in addition to receiving complaints from citizens.

He stressed that the nature of the job has much emphasis on security matters adding that patrols play an important role in preserving security. He said citizens complaints are divided into three categories; telephone, personal and written complaints.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry Public Relations Department has called on all drivers to strictly abide by the Traffic Code and to stay within their road lanes to avoid accidents.

Sources close to the department have been quoted as saying that extensive studies emphasized the need for strict compliance with the traffic regulations to ensure safety for all.

Amir concludes five-nation tour

High profile abroad

NIAMEY, Oct 3, (Kuna): His

Highness the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed ended this morning a five-nation tour that took him to Asia, Europe and Africa.

At the tour's last leg here in this African capital of Niger Sheikh Jaber boarded Kuwait Airways' Al Jaberiyah 747 Boeing with the rest of the Kuwaiti delegation including the State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Al Osaimi, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Al Rashid and Finance Minister Jassim Al Khorafi.

President of Niger Ali Saibou and several ministers were at the airport waving at the Amir plane when it took off.

During the flight, the Amir sent a cable of thanks and appreciation to President Saibou, who hosted the Kuwaiti delegation for three days.

The Amir tour started in the last week of September with a crucial visit to Baghdad followed by a historic one to Paris. Then the Amir started an African tour of three countries beginning with Guinea followed by Mali and Niger.

Tour

In Niger, HH the Amir and Niger's President Ali Saibou yesterday inspected a residential complex financed by Kuwait, toured the National Museum and attended a horse and camel race.

The Amir and Saibou, held talks on bilateral relations, Arab and international questions and other issues of mutual interest.

Side meetings between members of the Kuwaiti delegation and Niger's government representatives held here yesterday focused on seven development projects that needs \$150 million to finance them.

These projects include the building of schools and institutes, land reclamation and building of 300 housing units in rural areas to stop the migration of farmers to cities, in addition to the rehabilitation of the National Cement Company.

Kuwaiti representatives have asked for studies on these

projects, their priorities and economic feasibility.

Solidarity

Kuwait and Niger today expressed their full support and solidarity with the Palestinian people and its uprising and condemned the brutal tactics of the Israeli authorities in the occupied Arab territories.

In a joint communique, issued at the conclusion of the visit of HH the Amir of Kuwait to Niger, the two countries' leaders affirmed that a lasting solution to the Middle East crisis cannot be realised without the convocation of a UN-sponsored international peace conference, with the participation of all parties concerned, including the PLO.

The two countries expressed relief over the restoration of peace and stability to Namibia, Angola and Mozambique, and called on Senegal and Mauritania to co-operate with the OAU and the OIC to end the dispute between them.

HH the Amir expressed his country's readiness to contribute to the economic development of Niger.

He also thanked President Saibou for the warm hospitality during his three-day stay in Niamey and invited him to visit Kuwait. The invitation was accepted, but no date has been set.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

HE that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils — Roger Bacon, English philosopher about 1214-1284.

OPINION

Welcome 1990 with new cabinet

KUWAIT is not the only country due to enter the 1990 with new administrative conceptions. Many countries around the world believe that this is an important year for modernisation and to upgrade performance in every field. The Kuwaiti political leadership, over the past 30 years, have succeeded in taking decisions to develop the country. The Kuwaiti investments idea reflects the far-sightedness of this country's leadership. Kuwait at the moment enjoys a good financial reputation abroad. Likewise the Kuwaiti leadership had adopted the idea of the future generation reserves which could be considered one of the enlightening and important decisions.

So, while we are going to receive the 1990, Kuwait political leadership is seriously thinking in adopting a new administrative organisation that may lead to the improvement in performance in all facilities which had been instituted during the past 30 years.

Consequently, when the Kuwaiti citizen was demanding for a new cabinet before the end of the current year, that was also reflecting the ideas of the political command which was striving to see the year 1990 witness the necessary improvement in political, economic and administrative performance. The current cabinet was formed long ago and a new reshuffle will be a sign of development in all spheres.

We shall enter the year of 1990 with an apparatus presided over by new blood carrying new thoughts void of any flabbiness. In the past such flabbiness had hampered the administrative apparatus and the red tape prevailed. A change in the administrative process requires dismissal of the heads of such apparatus. The formation of a new cabinet along with appointment of new efficient people will help the official apparatus to produce more.

Needless to say that when the people perceive that something new has been created, they will be happy. The forming of a new and expanded government means that we shall receive the year of 1990 with new things which the Kuwaiti citizens were seeking for and which will obviously get rid of the laziness that resulted from the sluggish years after the Manakh crisis.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Refugee influx stirs emotions

EAST GERMAN refugees have stirred deep emotions in West Germany and perplexed its politicians.

The sight of young people arriving in a country they have never seen, chanting "freedom, freedom" and "we're coming home" has struck a chord with the common identity Germans have kept alive during 40 years of division.

But West German politicians, clearly taken by surprise by the wave of pan-German patriotism, are divided about what the exodus means for Bonn's relations with East Berlin.

Apart from the inventive Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Bonn's veteran foreign minister, most are at a loss over how to turn these emotions into votes in the next year's general elections 15 months away.

The new patriotism should play an important role in the elections because of the threat the far-right Republicans pose to both main parties.

The Republicans, whose beer-hall nationalism has revived long-neglected issues such as German reunification, have stolen enough votes from the ruling Christian Democrats (CDU) and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD) to spoil any coalition either could hope to lead after the general elections.

"Most politicians have been overwhelmed by the refugees and can only react with a fire-fighting reflex," one Western diplomat observed. "They have not enough thought through what this means for relations with East Germany."

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's CDU, facing a serious challenge from the Republicans, fought a local election campaign in the country's most populous state last weekend with the argument that it represented the freedom sought by almost 30,000 refugees that have come to West Germany in the past month.

The CDU vote in North Rhine-Westphalia, which has one-third of the whole West German electorate, slipped to 38 per cent from 42 per cent in 1984.

It was the CDU's fourth electoral setback this year and a warning signal for the general elections.

The CDU and its Bavarian wing, the Christian Social Union (CSU), have split into several factions over policy towards East Germany and the "German question," a concept referring to the postwar division of Germany.

Most say German reunification is closer than ever but do not spell out how it could be achieved.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1539 — Marriage treaty is signed for England's King Henry VIII to wed Anne of Cleves.

1824 — Republic of Mexico is proclaimed.

1853 — Turkey declares war on Russia.

1865 — Napoleon III and Otto von Bismarck meet at Biarritz, where Napoleon III agrees to Prussian supremacy in Germany and to a united Italy.

1910 — Portugal's King Manuel II flees to England on outbreak of revolution in Lisbon.

1930 — Brazilian revolution, with Getulio Vargas becoming new President.

1945 — French wartime collaborator Pierre Laval is put on trial in Paris as traitor in World War II, and he later is executed.

1957 — Soviet Union puts first spacecraft into orbit around earth, heralding start of space age.

1969 — China announces two nuclear weapons tests, including hydrogen bomb explosion in atmosphere.

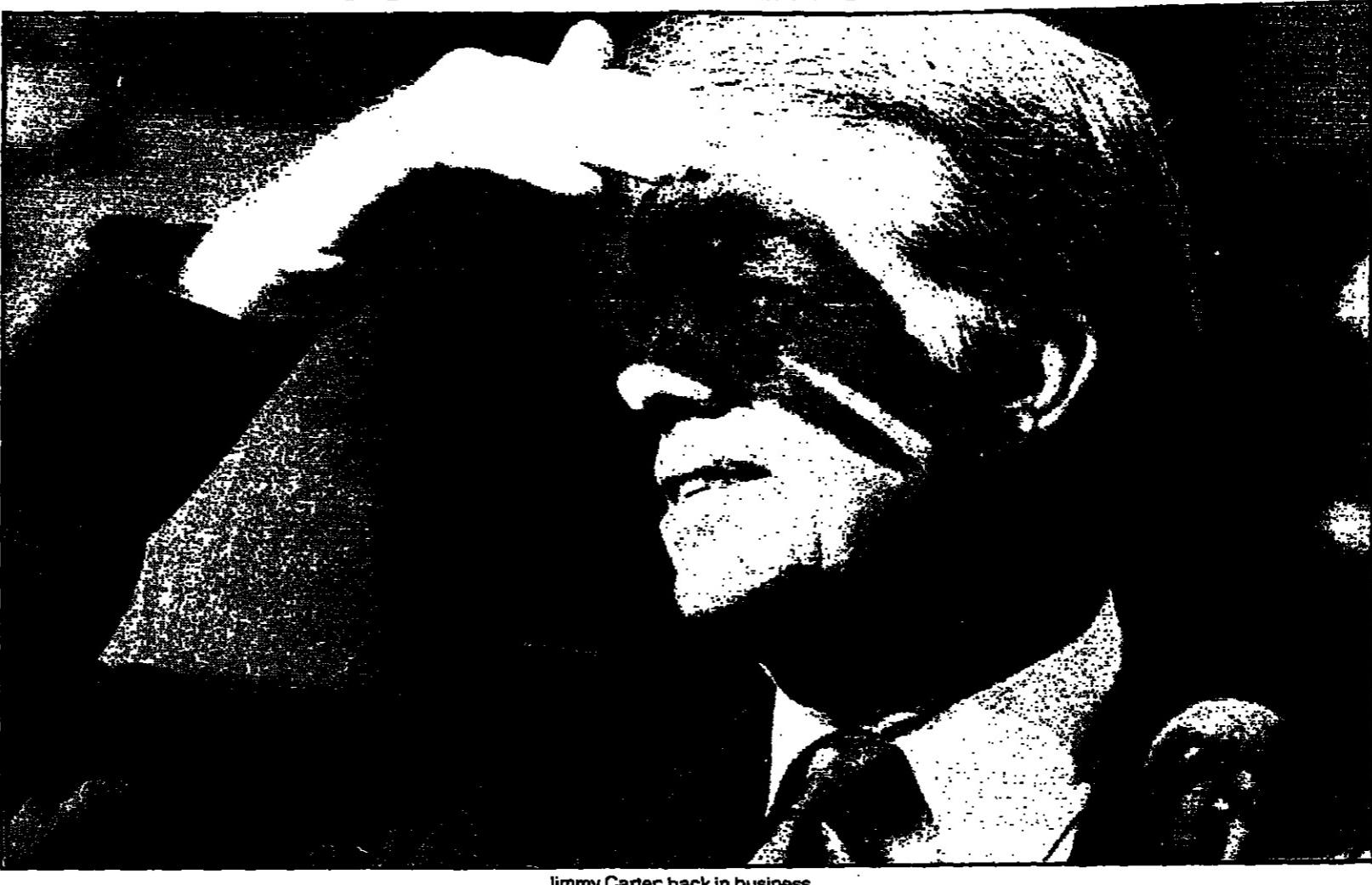
1973 — Peace talks begin in Northern Ireland in attempt to end five years of conflict that has taken almost 900 lives.

1977 — India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is released from police custody less than 24 hours after her arrest on charges of political corruption.

1980 — Islamic representatives from 38 nations move to have UN General Assembly call for Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

1986 — Fire breaks out in Soviet nuclear-powered submarine carrying ballistic missiles, and three people are reported dead.

1988 — Brazil enacts new constitution, completing long-awaited "transition to democracy" begun in 1985.



Jimmy Carter: back in business

Carter's star rises as mediator

EIGHT years after he left the presidency in humiliating defeat, Jimmy Carter, who brought Arab and Jew together in the historic negotiations at Camp David, is back in business as a mediator.

He has negotiated on behalf of exiled Miskito Indian in Nicaragua, denounced election fraud in Panama and sat down with warring Ethiopian factions to arrange peace talks.

Not since Herbert Hoover was defeated in 1932 and started work on behalf of famine relief and made recommendations for streamlining government has a former resident of the White House taken so prominent a role in public affairs.

Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, also take tools in hand to work on projects for Habitat for Humanity, a US-based volunteer organisation which builds homes for the needy from Uganda to New York City.

Carter's return to the spotlight comes at a time of renewed interest in former presidents, with a conference on the subject scheduled for Oct 18-19 at the Hoover Library in West Branch Iowa.

"I do think that our ex-presidents are supposed to do more than play golf," Hoover biographer Vaughn Davis Bornet said in an interview. "They are supposed to have been so interested in public affairs at one time that they are not supposed to give up that interest."

Carter has certainly not given it up.

He has travelled frequently and been host to current and former leaders at the Carter Presidential

Centre, the public policy research institute he founded in Atlanta, Georgia.

After nine days of preliminary talks at the centre, he announced last month that the Ethiopian government and Eritrean rebels had agreed to begin formal negotiations in Nairobi on a settlement of their 28-year-long conflict.

Carter will serve as co-chairman, playing much the same role he did in the talks between Israel's Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat in 1978 at Camp David, the presidential retreat in the Catoctins.

Also last month, on a trip to Nicaragua as head of a delegation that will monitor elections there in February, Carter successfully negotiated with the government for the return of rebel Miskito Indian leader Brooklyn Rivera after years of exile in Costa Rica.

Carter went to Panama in May as an election observer from the unofficial council of freely elected heads of government. At a tabulation centre, he said he found officials tabulating counterfeit tally sheets, so he stalled out and denounced the country's election as rigged for the hand-picked candidate of Gen Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Some believe Carter is trying to improve his presidency's poor image.

Carter and Hoover are the only incumbent presidents in this century to be defeated for re-election. Both were engineers more noted for their

grasp of detail than their power to sway audiences. Both were vanquished by slick political opponents — Hoover by Franklin Roosevelt and Carter by Ronald Reagan.

When Hoover left office in 1933, the country was in the grips of deepening economic depression. Carter relinquished the White House in 1981 bedevilled by the hostage crisis in Iran, a sagging economy and people's memories of waiting in long lines for gasoline.

"Carter, I think, is making every effort to erase an impression that he thinks people have on him," said Bornet, a professor emeritus of history at Southern Oregon College. "And in that he is absolutely at one with Herbert Hoover. Hoover really worked at that."

But Robert Strauss, who managed Carter's unsuccessful re-election campaign, disagrees.

"I suspect that Jimmy Carter is oblivious to what people like me are very sensitive to," Strauss said, adding, "I have a feeling of great confidence that Jimmy Carter as a person is going to be viewed better and better."

In fact, scholars generally give Carter better marks than his two predecessors — Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford — or Reagan.

Whilst striking out on his own, Carter said in May, "I think if I had an official role to play, it might hamper my freedom and limit greatly what influence or access I do have." (Washington — AP)

Creating facts on the ground

Israel plans direct control over West Bank

ISRAEL is quietly launching an effort that could extend its direct control over major portions of the occupied West Bank.

Israeli sources say that land-use plans announced by the government for three Arab villages will ensure orderly growth and prevent urban sprawl.

But Palestinians and Western analysts describe the three plans, plus seven more which are said to be imminent, as an effort to further entrench Israel in the West Bank by restricting the growth of Arab towns and villages and possibly opening the door to expanded Jewish settlement.

Since the start of the Israeli occupation in 1967, between 40 and 60 per cent of total West Bank land has been seized for settlements, roads, and military installations. If new town plans are imposed broadly, much land remaining in Arab hands could be placed off limits to construction.

One diplomatic source describes the plans as the beginning of a major effort by Israel to create "facts on the ground" in anticipation of eventual Middle East peace negotiations.

"It's not an accident that it's happening at this time," the source says. "The Israelis can see the writing on the wall. Talks are imminent so they want to strengthen their hand as much as possible."

Israel is under international pressure to relinquish occupied territories in return for a comprehensive Mideast peace.

Palestinians say the new plans are also calculated to stunt West Bank development and, by creating conditions of overcrowding and high unemployment, to force emigration from the West Bank.

"They want to make life as miserable as possible."

says one leading Palestinian urban planning expert, who speaks of a "slow motion" Israeli policy of pressuring Palestinians to quit the West Bank. "If the only choice is to live in a ghetto, the new generation will think of emigrating."

"A denial of permits (to build houses outside the new limits) on the basis of this plan is a denial of rights," adds the planner.

The three villages — Nahhalin, near Bethlehem, and Shabtin and Hizma, near Ramallah — have one month to appeal the plans, potentially the first of dozens as Israel attempts to revive a 1982 master plan prepared for most of the villages in the West Bank.

Despite several requests, officials of the Israeli civil administration, the agency that administers the West Bank and which drafted the new town plans, declined to be interviewed on the subject.

The effects of Israel's new urban planning policy are vividly illustrated in the hillside town of Nahhalin, long a bastion of opposition to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and the scene last April of one of the most violent episodes of the intifada (uprising).

For decades this village of 3,000 has sprawled lazily along the picturesque slopes southwest of Bethlehem. Today four Jewish settlements, two just being built, look down from surrounding hilltops.

Under the plan announced last month, residents of Nahhalin will be forced to limit new construction to the 160 of the village's 1,500 acres where building is already concentrated.

Residents worry that 13 buildings left outside the new housing limit may be subject to demolition by

Israeli authorities. During 1988, nearly 250 dwellings in the West Bank were demolished on the grounds that they had no building permits — more than the number levelled for security reasons related to the intifada.

Beyond that is the fear that the new town plan may be just the latest of several steps that could strangle the village and cut it off from its agricultural livelihood.

Of the 1,500 acres that comprised the village limits of Nahhalin in 1967, the year the Israeli occupation began 375 were confiscated in 1982 to make way for the construction of the Jewish settlement of Betar, clearly visible across a narrow valley.

Residents say if Betar eventually becomes the city of up to 50,000 now envisioned, more of Nahhalin's land will be confiscated, including the growing and grazing areas, now within the village limits, that generate most of the village's income.

"Considering the space that will be needed for open spaces, public buildings, recreational facilities and the usual security belt around the built-up areas — plus the agricultural and industrial facilities that would be needed, more land will have to be expropriated," the Palestinian urban planning expert says.

Another major threat is a planned road linking Betar with the planned Jewish kibbutz of Gavot that Nahhalin residents say will strip away as many as 400 of the village's remaining acres, including its most fertile agricultural land. The villagers' appeal to block the project was rejected.

(Occupied West Bank — CSM).

Hoffa buried where action is

IT WAS in all the papers. A mobster told Playboy magazine that Jimmy Hoffa, the former Teamster Union boss, was buried on the 20-yard line at the Giants' stadium in the New Jersey Meadowlands.

The thug, a government-protected witness, stated that after Hoffa was dispatched in Detroit, his remains were placed in an oil drum and shipped east. The drum was laid in the soft Meadowlands ground as support for the artificial turf.

The news came as a surprise to some sports fans who hang out at Clyde's in Georgetown.

Don Rogers said, "I thought Hoffa was buried on the highway between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo."

"Nah," answered Steve Wells. "A friend of mine assured me his remains were under the starting gate at Hialeah. Hoffa liked horses."

Bob Boyd added, "The thing that makes me doubt the Playboy story is that Jimmy Hoffa was a Detroit Lions fan. Why would he want to be buried in New Jersey?"

"Maybe he didn't have any choice," Jim Norton suggested. "Perhaps they buried Hoffa in New Jersey to punish him."

"I never thought of that. Teamster gorillas can be insensitive. But why the 20-yard line?" I asked.

Rogers explained, "That's where all the action is. It's much more lively than the end zone."

Wells was shaking his head. "It just doesn't figure. The Giants are not that good a team."

Bob Boyd said, "There could be other factors. Don't forget that at the time they buried Hoffa in the Meadowlands Stadium, they were installing artificial turf. By burying him there, look at all the money the Teamsters saved on upkeep of the grave. The Teamster enforcers are always looking for ways to put a little extra into their pension fund."

"Is it possible that the Playboy story is a red herring, and Hoffa is really buried in Yankee Stadium at home plate?" I asked.

"That doesn't make any sense. Why would they bury him there?" Rogers wanted to know.

"That's where George Steinbrenner buried 4,600

Yankee managers. So the mob might have thought that no one would look for Hoffa in that location," Wells told him.

"It's too far-fetched. I believe the mobster's story

that Hoffa is now in a drum in the Giants' ballpark," Boyd declared.

"If that is true, it gives new meaning to the phrase 'sudden death,'" Wells said.

"You know what would be nice. If we all went up to the Meadowlands and strewed flowers on the 20-yard line," I suggested.

"While they were playing!" exclaimed Norton.

"It would be more touching," Rogers said.

"You've got to show me something other than the Playboy article before I'll believe that Jimmy Hoffa is resting in the Meadowlands. He could be anywhere — even under the Dallas Cowboys' locker room," Norton told us.

"They would never bury Hoffa in Dallas," Rogers asserted.

"Why not?" I asked.

"The Cowboys don't have a pass defense."

There was no consensus at Clyde's that evening on whether or not Hoffa was really buried in Giants' stadium. The problem, as we saw it, was that since everything else is buried in New Jersey, why not him?

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Peace opportunity exists: Mubarak

Uprising leaders call for strike

WASHINGTON, Oct 3. (Agencies): With a Thursday deadline at hand, the United States and Egypt are exerting heavy pressure on Israel to go along with a proposal for preliminary peace talks with Palestinian representatives.

Egyptian President Mubarak sounded upbeat on Monday about prospects for a peace settlement, saying a "golden opportunity" exists that must not be squandered.

Secretary of State James Baker, who has been campaigning hard for a more flexible Israeli position on the issue, said Israel should not feel threatened by the 10-point proposal for peace talks set forth by Mubarak.

The inner cabinet of ministers from Likud and Labour is to meet on Thursday on Mubarak's ideas amid deep divisions on how to proceed.

Likud rejects Mubarak's acceptance of a US-backed formula that involves trading occupied land for peace and including people deported by Israel in a Palestinian negotiating delegation. Labour, led by Finance Minister Shimon Peres, supports both ideas.

Mubarak, who met yesterday with President George Bush, told reporters the essential next step in the peace process is to persuade the Israelis and the Palestinians to enter a dialogue "without preconditions."

"We won't get to peace until Palestinians and Israelis speak to each other," Baker said.

Yesterday's White House session came amid new concern that settling Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union in the Israeli-occupied West Bank could threaten peace efforts.

Meanwhile, President George Bush called Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday and told him "a dialogue was necessary" between Israel and the Palestinians. Presidential Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater disclosed today.

Fitzwater said that Bush spoke with the Israeli leader for "just a few minutes" in advance of yesterday's White House meeting with Mubarak.

Mubarak stopped briefly in Rome today for talks with Italy's Premier and President about his proposal for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

The Italian news agency Agi said Mubarak told Premier Giulio Andreotti that he would be willing to go to Jerusalem to discuss the peace proposals, and wanted to meet with Shamir.

Palestinian leaders will meet in Baghdad Oct 15 to discuss Mubarak's plan to bring the Palestinians and Israel together for a Middle East peace settlement.

A top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said today that Israel's two ruling parties could head off a crisis in the coalition cabinet by agreeing to hold talks with Americans and Egyptians about peace moves.

In the occupied territories, soldiers clashed with Palestinian stone-throwers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, wounding three teenagers and a 12-year-old. Arab reports said. One casualty was reported in serious condition.

Underground leaders of the Palestinian uprising, in a sudden hardening of their anti-Israel revolt, called today for five days of general strike and urged Palestinians to rebel in the streets.

A leaflet distributed in the occupied territories also urged new acts of defiance against what it called Israeli efforts to divide the people of the West Bank and



President Bush talks with Mubarak in the White House Oval Office. (Reuter wirephoto)

Israel jails Nathan

Peace engaged

RAMLE, Israel, Oct 3. (Reuter): A popular broadcaster, who met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, became the first Israeli to be jailed under a much-flouted anti-terrorism law barring unauthorised contacts with the PLO.

A Ramle magistrate sentenced veteran peace campaigner Abie Nathan, 62, to six months in prison under the 1986 law many believe is becoming obsolete as traditional barriers crumble between Israelis and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Nathan, also given a one-year suspended sentence, said he would go to jail next Tuesday rather than appeal. Under the law he could have been jailed for a maximum three years.

The flamboyant owner of the offshore Voice Of Peace radio station proudly admitted meeting Arafat and other PLO officials in Tunis and Strasbourg, France, in September last year.

"I will not stop fighting this law despite everything. We've got to talk to the enemy. There's no other way. Our bullets and their stones cannot solve the problem," he told the court.

Unofficial Israeli-Palestinian peace contacts have surged despite the daily clashes for nearly 22 months between soldiers and stone-throwers fighting Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, home to 1.7 million Palestinians.

Some 100 Israelis have flouted the law and met PLO officials. The few others brought to trial have been fined and ordered to perform six months' community service but are awaiting the outcome of high court appeals.

Nathan, a tireless worker for charity, said he would refuse to do community service as a substitute punishment because "I do that all the time anyway."

Judge Ari Fass acknowledged that many Israelis believe the law was anti-democratic but said it was enacted by the democratic process of legislation. Israel officially regards the PLO as a terrorist organisation.

"Ideological reasons, including the conviction that you are saving lives, cannot justify the breaking of a law, especially for a man like Abie Nathan whose words have great public impact in Israel and abroad," the judge told the court packed with Nathan's supporters and journalists.

Gaza Strip.

"On strike days, people should go out after 5 pm to the streets and start a rebellion," it said. It set Thursday, Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as the

strike days.

The leaflet distributed in schools, factories and workshops appeared to signal an escalation of the 21-month-old revolt.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Iran seizes heroin: Security forces seized 48.5 kg (106 pounds) of heroin after a gunbattle with drug-dealers in northeastern Iran, the Iranian news agency Irna said today.

Iran, received in Nicosia, said four smugglers were arrested after the clash yesterday in Terteb-e-Jam near the Afghan border.

Iran, which officially has one million drug addicts, has executed at least 851 people this year in a campaign against drug-trafficking. (Reuter) ***

Egypt collision: Two energy experts from the United States and two Egyptians were killed in a collision between their van and a bus near the Red Sea coast, the US embassy and Egypt's Middle East News Agency said today.

Two other American energy experts were injured, said an American embassy spokesman. She said the accident occurred last night as the four Americans and an Egyptian engineer were en route to the Red Sea port of Marsa Matruh, 250 miles (400 kms) south-east of Cairo.

Middle East News Agency identified the dead Americans as George Frescas and Thomas Jhuen and the injured as Karen Conover and Richard Poore. It did not give their home towns. (AP) ***

Cyprus explosion: A bomb exploded outside the Nicosia home of a Turkish-Cypriot politician in broad daylight North Cyprus early today blowing a hole in the road but causing no injuries.

Alpay Durduran, told the daily Kibris he believed the motives of the bombers to be criminal rather than political. "I think it has to do with smuggling. Some of my comments were published in the mainland (Turkish) newspapers about smuggling," said Durduran, who was recently dismissed by the north's opposition Communal Liberation Party.

The force of the blast damaged Durduran's car, which was parked outside his house, and shattered nearby windows. (Reuter) ***

Khaddafi message: A Libyan envoy is touring Gulf Arab states to deliver messages from Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi.

The Gulf News Agency said Khouedi Hamidi, a member of the Libyan Revolutionary Council, left Bahrain today for Saudi Arabia.

Hamidi, who arrived in Bahrain from Qatar on Sunday, met the Amir, Sheikh Isa bin Sulman Al Khalifa, on Monday and handed him a message from Khaddafi on regional issues and bilateral relations. (Reuter)

Libya demands end to veto right

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3. (Reuter): Libya yesterday called for changes in the UN charter to eliminate the veto rights of big powers and questioned South Africa and Israel's right to a seat in the world body.

In an address to the General Assembly, Foreign Minister Jadallah Azouz Al-Talhi said the effectiveness of the United Nations was "crippled" by veto powers of the permanent members of the Security Council.

"They do not use it to defend what is right and preserve international peace and

security but to consecrate falsehoods and promote aggression, occupation, invasion and terrorism," he said.

The five permanent members of the Security Council are the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

Another abuse of the UN charter, he said, was "what one sees on entering this hall where the flags of the most repulsive regimes known in modern history are ..." He said the "regimes" were South Africa and Israel.

"It is a shame ... that as an international group we tolerate a falsehood that we can

change if we so desire," he said.

South Africa was suspended from the General Assembly in 1974 but is still a member of the United Nations.

Turning to the United States, Talhi said the US attack on Libya in May 1986 was the "most repulsive act to which my country has been exposed" and said American economic, scientific and cultural sanctions against Tripoli were "entirely unjustifiable."

He condemned international terrorism, which he said took innocent lives but

called on the United Nations to define the concept of state terrorism "distinguishing clearly between terrorism that should be fought and eradicated ... and the lawful struggle of people."

Talhi also renewed calls to turn the Mediterranean into a "lake of peace," free of military fleets and bases.

But he said Israel as well as other powers threatened the region, citing Israel's reported experiment with long-range missiles, one of which landed near the Libyan city of Bengazi.

Rebels reject call for secession

ADDIS ABABA, Oct 3. (Agencies): Sudanese rebels rejected today a petition calling for the secession of southern Sudan, describing it as a concoction by the country's military rulers.

Lam Akol, spokesman for the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), told Reuters the petition, drawn up by 57 tribal chiefs, academics and clergymen from southern Sudan, did not represent the views of the majority of the people there.

The petition, a fiction concocted by the military junta and people under its pay to justify (military ruler) Omar Hassan Al-Bashir's intention to divide the country," he said.

The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 to end what it regards as domination of the mainly Christian and animist south by Muslim and Arab north.

A copy of the petition to General Bashir's government, obtained by Reuters in Khartoum today, said southerners wanted to secede because previous governments discriminated against the region on grounds of religion.

"The issue of separation is ... of greater relevance and urgency for the people of southern Sudan since historically this has been

their demand," it said.

Bashir, who toppled the civilian government of prime minister Sadeq Al-Mahdi three months ago, has said he will consider granting secession to the south if the people there want it.

The SPLA has already rejected the petition.

The issue of separation is intended to be read at a conference being held in Khartoum on how to end the southern war, but it appeared that it might be withheld because of its sensitive nature.

The SPLA was reported split over government peace moves, and at least 250 rebels have given themselves up to the army, newspapers said.

The state-owned Al-Inqaz Al-Watani newspaper quoted "security sources" as saying that an acute dispute has erupted between two groups within the rebel organization over whether the military government's peace overtures are genuine.

A group led by Lam Akol, John Garang, is fighting attempts by a group led by Garang Lieutenant Mansour Khaled to get the leadership to accept the peace offer, the newspaper said. It gave no other details.

Saudis to buy Brazil tanks

LONDON, Oct 3. (Kuna): Saudi Arabia is close to signing a deal with the Brazilian defence contractor Engesa for acquisition of an estimated 300 Osorio battlefield tanks, according to a report here today.

The purchase will complement a deal for the supply of 315 M1-A1 tanks being negotiated with General Dynamics of the US, the Financial Times newspaper reported.

It quoted a Gulf-based Brazilian diplomat as saying that the deal still has to be confirmed, but the talks were at an advanced stage.

It is assembled with largely imported components, including a West German frame with a turret and fire-controlled system supplied by Vickers of the UK.

Arafat calls for direct dialogue

TOKYO, Oct 3. (UPI): Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman Yasser Arafat called on Israel today to enter direct negotiations with the Palestinians without preconditions, Japanese officials said.

Arafat, in a meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, said he is ready to begin negotiations with Israel based on the proposal by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, said Yasukuni Enoki, head of the Foreign Ministry's Middle East division.

President Bush and Mubarak met yesterday in Washington and agreed the next step in the peace process must be a dialogue between Israel and the Palestinians, which has proved to be extremely difficult to establish.

"Arafat said he is making his best effort to advance the dialogue without any preconditions," Enoki said.

Arafat, on the third day of a four-day official visit to Tokyo, was quoted as saying to Kaifu, "so far no answer (to Mubarak's proposal) has been made by Israel. The Israeli side should respond."

Arafat welcomed Washington's endorsement of the Middle East peace initiative proposed by Mubarak, Foreign Ministry officials said.

"Mr Mubarak and Mr Bush agreed to co-operate on this matter," Arafat told Kaifu, according to the ministry officials. "We highly appreciate this."

Kaifu, in the first meeting of a Japanese premier with Arafat, said the Japanese government hoped the PLO would abide by its pledge to refrain from terrorism.

The Japanese government, Kaifu told Arafat, also endorses the Mubarak initiative, the officials said.

"They have been called proposals in the media, but I would like to clarify that they are indeed questions put forward to the Israeli government," Arafat told Kaifu.

Kaifu refused to establish a permanent organ for direct talks with the PLO. "We will escalate the dialogue, but we must not be caught in formalities," he told Arafat.

Arafat told Kaifu that Japan should give more aid to Palestinians, although he was aware that Japan could not extend funds directly because of a lack of diplomatic relations.

In his 45-minute meeting with Kaifu, Arafat noted the increase in Japanese trade with Israel and asked for Japan to give the self-proclaimed state of Palestine and the same treatment in trade it gives Israel.

Arafat has expressed its disappointment over Arafat's first official visit to Japan and said the invitation would not help the peace process, officials said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yosef Amihud said Arafat's four-day visit to Japan was contrary to declared Japanese intentions to play a positive role and contribute to the peace efforts."

"Consequently, the invitation to Arafat to visit Japan and meet with its leadership grieves and disappoints us," Amihud said.

King Fahd's new adviser King Fahd of Saudi Arabia appointed Sheikh Ibrahim Bin Abdulla Al Ankyar yesterday as his private adviser with the rank of minister, a royal decree said.

The decree, read on Saudi television monitored in Nicosia, said Khalid Bin Mohammed Al Ankyar was appointed as minister of municipal and rural affairs. (Reuter)

Pollard appeal: An American woman jailed in the United States with her husband for their part in an Israeli spy case pleaded publicly with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today to help free them.

Anne Henderson-Pollard, 29, spoke to Israeli radio from New York during a 10-day leave in her sentence ending next March. Her husband Jonathan, 33, is serving a life sentence.

"Jonathan and I are appealing to Shamir to put an end to the Pollard affair once and for all," she said. (Reuters)

Accused of illegal shipments: A subsidiary of Air Lingus Airlines was accused on Monday of illegally transporting aviation parts to the Iranian military and a commercial carrier, according to court documents.

A two-count criminal information filed by the US attorney's office in Miami, Florida, alleges Air Lingus produc-



Arafat shakes hands with Japan's Socialist Party chairperson Takako Doi at a Tokyo hotel. (Reuter wirephoto)

Benazir denies telling mujahedeen to negotiate

Rebels rule out talks

NICOSIA, Oct 3. (Agencies): The leader of an Afghan rebel interim government said yesterday he welcomed any proposals to resolve the conflict in Afghanistan, but would not negotiate with the administration in Kabul.

The Iranian news agency Irna, quoted Siyaghullah Mojaddadi as telling a seminar on Afghanistan in Tehran: "We welcome any proposal for the settlement of the Afghan issues."

"But do not expect us to sit behind the table with representatives of Khalq and Parcham, headed, referring to two factions of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party."

Mojaddadi leads an interim government formed in February by an alliance of seven Pakistani-based rebel parties trying to overthrow the Kabul government of President Najibullah.

Meanwhile Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto pledged continuing support for an Afghan rebel government-in-exile today and denied she had urged it to negotiate with the Kabul government.

Talking to reporters after a three-day visit to Bangladesh, she also said

EVENTS



Nigerian National day

Nigerian Ambassador to Kuwait M.S. Saleh hosted a reception on Monday to celebrate his country's National Day. The reception, held at the Kuwait International Hotel, was attended by a large number of ambassadors and Kuwaiti officials.

The picture shows the ambassador shaking hands with a Kuwaiti official.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Young Guns
Salma
Hall booked
Al Hamra
Black fire
Drive-In
Arabic film
Al Firdous
Hathyaar
Fahsheen open
Jeena ki Aarzo
Fahsheen
Arabic film
Al Jabra
Arabic film
Granada
Arabic film
Sulabikhat
Nowhere to Hide
Jleeb
Moving
Ahmadi Drive-in
Arabic film.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.24 am
Zahr	11.37
Asr	2.59 pm
Maghreb	5.30
Isha	6.47

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Greek Taverna at the Meridien

A great way to enjoy an evening of Greek music, food and fun! La Brasserie will be featuring authentic Greek dishes (including a variety of mezzah).

Every Tuesday at La Brasserie... promised to be a great night out, with real Bouzouki music and dreamy Greek island atmosphere.

Do not fly to Greece... Greece will be at the Meridien Hotel every Tuesday.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING PERIOD

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.45 Sabah Al Kher News
- 9.50 Sabah Al Kher Variety
- 10.00 Around The World: Cartoon Serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.30 Shay Ismob Al Hob: Arabic Serial (part 5)
- 11.30 Sabah Al Kher News and Variety
- 12.00 Circus: Variety Programme
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Holy Quran and Closedown

EVENING PERIOD

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite
- 4.45 Al Forsan Al Thalatha: Cartoon Serial (part 5)
- 5.15 Football lessons
- 5.45 Night Chemists, Airlines and Official Advertisements
- 6.00 Al Tareeq Illa Qods: Historical Serial (part 5)
- 7.00 Variety
- 7.15 Popular Variety
- 7.45 Television Network: Local variety programme, prepared and presented by Abdul Rahman Al Najar
- 8.30 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 Arabic News
- 9.45 Ahlan Ya Jedo Al Aziz: Arabic Serial (part 5)
- 10.30 Bint Al Noukhatha: Arabic Play, starring

Ahlam Mohammed, Mohammed Awwad, Jasem Al Shereeda, and Abdulla Yousef

- 1.15 News Summary
1.20 The World Today Via Satellite
1.50 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening Announcement & Holy Quran
- 6.10 Voltion: A cartoon series for Children
- 6.30 Danger Bay
- 7.00 On The Wings Of Wind Brazil Cuba. A sailing ship (Aspasia Alpha) starts its journey around the world from palmas De Mayorca through the Atlantic Ocean by crossing Gibraltar...
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You And The Law
- 8.45 "The Great Circus Of The World": How to train Tigers and present their shows on circus...A variety of acrobatics with breathtaking skills...
- 9.30 Wild Life On One "Kalahari Big Feet": A look at a creature inhabits the desert of Kalahari in South Africa which is neither a Kangaroo nor a rabbit but belongs to Squirrels family.
- 10.00 Cine Club "Birdy" presented by Farouk Abdullaiz
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.30 Magazine D'Actualite



Radio celebrations

At a party held at the radio station yesterday morning to celebrate the eighth anniversary for broadcasting the daily radio programme "Sabah Al Khair," Abdul Aziz Jafar undersecretary at the Ministry of Information delivered a message in which he praised the dedication of the workers and the quality of the programmes in particular.

The ceremony was attended by Hamad Al Roumi, assistant undersecretary for Culture and Journalism, Dr Abdul Aziz Mansour, assistant secretary of Radio Affairs, Abdul Rahman Al Hadi, director of programmes at the Radio and a number of journalists and press officials.

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Fahed Al Salem Street
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Al Hilali Street
Hawalli and Nigra
Al Khayam Pharmacy

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Pastour Pharmacy
Al Dabbous Street

Khartan
Al Tasamoh Pharmacy
Khartan
Al Jahra
Al Nahaj Pharmacy
Al Jahra

Pepsi's second draw

THE draw took place on Sunday Oct 1st, 1989 in Kuwait National Bottling Company's premises at Sabhan in the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and a representative from Pepsi Cola International and Sanyo.

Nasri Awwad, the assistant general manager welcomed the attendees of Pepsi's draw. He also announced that the third and the last draw which will include gold football weighing one kilo and 34 prizes from Sanyo's premier line will take place on 1/11/1989.

Yesterday's winning numbers were:

1. Video camera, 20627, Walid Shami Salim Kayed
2. Hi-Fi stereo, 12630, Barakat S. Suleiman
3. Hi-Fi stereo, 16860, S.V. Suleiman
4. Hi-Fi stereo, 30598, Izzat J. Izzat
5. Video Sanyo, 25338, Mohamed Khalaf Mohamed
6. Video Sanyo, 13673, Salim M. Abu Seif
7. Video Sanyo, 16939, Adel I. Abu Quraise
8. Video Sanyo, 24729, Subhi A. Abu Abed
9. Video Sanyo, 24033, Abdul Hadi Y. Abdul Hadi
10. Video Sanyo, 26333, Jamil I. Yousef Mohamed
11. Radio recorder, 12611, Sarah S. Abdulhamid
12. Radio recorder, 12780, Abdulaziz D. Al Khalid
13. Radio recorder, 14959, Mish'al F. Al Azimi
14. Radio recorder, 29516, Huda M. Ali
15. Radio recorder, 18487, Shukub A. Abboud
16. Radio recorder, 29076, Pierre M. Maliki
17. Radio recorder, 17949, Maysoun Kh. Abdul Aziz
18. Radio recorder, 25525, Minwer I. Zouhour
19. Radio recorder, 25857, Abdul Hamid A. Abdul Hamid
20. Radio recorder, 13262, Fahd M. Al Mutairi
21. Sanyo T.V., 24354, Obeid Al Anzi
22. Sanyo T.V., 26502, Majdi N. Sadek
23. Sanyo T.V., 24934, Mohamed A. Hasan
24. Sanyo T.V., 22822, Ahmed L. Abdul Kader
25. Sanyo T.V., 13804, Abdul Karim Abdulridha
26. Sanyo T.V., 18291, Mohamed Kh. Salama
27. Sanyo T.V., 23002, Mahmoud A. Ali
28. Sanyo T.V., 25234, Habib M. Amiri
29. Sanyo T.V., 29173, Jamileh J. Khamam'ah
30. Sanyo T.V., 18096, Saleem A. Hamad
31. Sanyo T.V., 19601, Yousef M. Ali
32. Sanyo T.V., 18727, Fatima A. Hatakeh



New pianist at the Sheraton

Visitors to the Hunt Room restaurant can now enjoy the melodious tunes of old and new being performed by pianist Ms Małgorzata Wejsis while dining to the famous charcoal grilled specialities, sea food extravaganzas and the well known famous lobster dish.

The Kuwait Sheraton continues its preparation and presentation of surprises for the season for their valued guests.

Meridien style why not make it a daily treat.

AL WAHA PALACE: Pasta promotion at Al Waha Palace at the Salsia Commercial Complex till the 26th Sept pasta for night. Enjoy a La Carte and daily special pasta dishes like fettuccine ravioli, tortellini, salad pasta, and more.

THAI CORNER: Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at the La Brasserie. The Thai Corner features a variety of great authentic dishes in addition to the restaurants regular lavish buffet.

Egyptian

COWBOY NIGHT: Taste the Texas fare at La Brasserie no compromise with this salute to the US includes live foot tappin country and Western music plus decor costumes and ambience with more than a touch of the real Wild West.

INDONESIAN CORNER: Enjoy some of the country's best loved dishes at the La Brasserie in addition to the regular Brasserie buffet.

JAZZ NIGHT: Tuck in in the tempo... experience an evening of the great jazz sound in jam session at the La Brasserie featuring delicious sea food buffet with that catch of the day freshness plus a range of local and international dishes.

FAMILY LUNCH: Friday equals family fun only at La Brasserie ... lavish buffet... live entertainment toys and gifts for the children and even some real magic.

MARSHAL BEACH HOTEL: The only 24 hours restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local & continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch & dinner plus A La Carte menu.

AL JAWHARA SUPER NIGHT CLUB: Live entertainment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL:

Fit for Life: September brings a variety of sportsclasses and activities at the Kuwait International Hotel. Tennis coaching from October. Classes for ladies, juniors and seniors by Frank Novak — an experienced Canadian coach and tennis player. Enrollment on-going. Also fun tennis sessions for the family. Other classes are: Ladies' Keep Fit Classes, Men's Keep Fit Classes, Yoga, Judo, Karate and Taekwondo. For details contact Paul or Vivienne at 2530000 or 2533000.

AEROBICS:

Aerobics with Chris Hill at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Mixed classes on Sundays and Tuesdays: 6.30 - 7.30 pm. Enquiries: 5624111 ext. 751/739.

MBH:

MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL: Yoga & Natural Therapies classes will be resuming 8th Oct on Sunday 5pm - 6pm and 11th Oct on Wednesday 9am - 10am. Five lessons at KD10, to register contact Recreation Office at 5624111 ext. 751/739.

TENNIS CLASSES:

MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL: Tennis classes will be resuming beginning of Oct 89 for adults and children, to reserve a place phone 5624111 ext. 739/751.

BALLET CLASSES: Messilah Beach Hotel ballet classes for girls will be resuming late Sept 89, to reserve a place phone 5624111 ext 739/751.

YOGA AND NATURAL THERAPIES: Yoga and natural therapies classes will be resuming 8th October on Sunday 5pm - 6pm and 11th October on Wednesday 9am - 10am. Five lessons at KD10, to register contact Recreation Office at 5624111 Ext. 751/739.

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AHMADI KART RACING:

MESSILAH BEACH HOTEL: NEXT race meeting on Friday, 6th Oct. Racing starts at Ahmadi KOC track at 1.30 pm. Spectators welcome, 500 fils entrance charge.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts. Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts... rings, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Watercolour Painting
LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Millins, 8 week courses for Beginners and Advanced. For details tel: 5618847, 5317354, 9 am - 12 noon & 4 - 6.30 pm.

Pottery and Crafts
Develop your child's creativity in pottery & crafts (8-12 yrs old). Also watercolour painting and jewellery making for adults. For details Tel: 5618847, 5317354, 9 am - 12 noon & 4 - 6.30 pm.

SOCIAL

Colva Nite
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite at New Ballroom of Ramada Al Salem Hotel. Top Bands in attendance. For details contact Tele. 2413884/2434776/56291-41-4310913 after 5 pm.

German Speakers Cultural Association
AFTER the summer holidays, the regular coffee morning for German-speaking ladies will start again on Sunday, Oct 1, at 10 am, at the Kuwait International Hotel, Old Faikha Room. Newcomers are particularly welcome.

KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmed

Auditions for the annual pantomime will take place in the theatre foyer on Oct 8 and 9 at 7.30 pm. Anyone interested in taking part in this production, either on stage or backstage, please come along. All newcomers welcome.

Sheba Sound

SHEBA Sound, a classical quartet of oboes, bassoon and harpsichord, will perform at the Mousetrap Theatre on Oct 14, at 8.00 pm — price KD4; and at Messilah Beach Hotel on Oct 15, where the performance will include a sit-down dinner for 50.

Please ring 5382099 for reservation and look out for posters in Tanaga boutiques and for details contact Tel. No. 2413884/2434776/56291-41-4310913 after 5 pm.

Kalpak's drama competition

KERALA Arts and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) is organising a drama competition at Indian Arts Circle on 8th and 9th of February 1990.

One act plays of 40 minutes duration will be considered for the competition. Prizes will be awarded for best drama, best script (only for amateur creations from Kuwait) best direction, stage setting, best actor (Prem Nazir Award) best actress & best child artist, from the selected entries.

Interested parties may send their applications along with a copy of the script to Mr Varghese Paradyal, POB 47, 13001 Safat, Kuwait, no later than 31st Oct 1989.

For more details pls contact Varghese (Tel: 5635481), Kurien (Tel: 5658072) or Balakrishnan (Tel: 4316737).

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

OECD to hold meeting in Japan

TOKYO, Oct. 3. (AP): To celebrate Japan's 25th anniversary as a member, the 24-nation Organisation of Economic Co-operation and Development is conducting its annual council meeting away from its Paris headquarters for the first time this week.

Japan's entry, secretary-general Jean-Claude Paye said in a statement today, was significant in that "it was a recognition both of the remarkable take-off of Japan, and of the conviction that Japan would contribute importantly to the development of the world economy. That conviction has proved warranted by the events of the last two years."

When Japan entered the OECD, which co-ordinates economic policy among some of the world's most powerful nations, it was the first time a non-Western nation had joined the "rich man's club."

It also "was the first major manifestation of the Asian Pacific region's role in a progressive re-balancing of the world economy," Paye said.

Indian rupee	17.820
Sri Lankan rupee	7.520
Pakistani rupee	14.190
Bangladesh taka	9.120
US dollar	297.15
Pound sterling	48.025
UAE dirham	158.25
Deutsche marks	08087
Japanese yen	002128



PCE picks Memac as partner

As part of a major marketing drive to boost its presence in the Middle East, Philips Consumer Electronics has appointed a new advertising agency to act as its full service agency in the region.

Middle East Marketing and Communications (Memac), has been awarded the advertising, public relations and promotions account for Philips Consumer Electronics to cover the GCC states and all Pan Arab media.

UK shares boosted

Dollar firm, gold softens

LONDON, Oct 3. (Reuters): The dollar ended higher in Europe today despite central bank intervention for the seventh consecutive trading day.

Dealers said the dollar held firm just before the close on first reports that US troops were put on full alert in Panama amid news of an attempt to overthrow strongman Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The dollar doesn't need much of a push to go up," said one trader in London. "This type of news will undoubtedly tend to push it up given the current underlying bullishness."

The US currency dipped in morning business by just under half pfennig and half a yen after a barrage of dollar sales by leading West European central banks.

A Bank of Japan spokesman was quoted shortly before the intervention as saying that the central banks of the Group of Seven nations - the United States, Japan, Canada, Italy, West Germany, Britain and France - were ready to step up their action to drive the dollar.

"We are in full agreement that

Rabigh refinery to start operations in January

DUBAI, Oct 3. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia has told oil traders in the Gulf that its 325,000 barrels per day (BPD) capacity Rabigh oil refinery will start operations in January after a delay of several years.

The traders said Saudi Arabian Refining and Marketing Company (Samarco) notified them this week of the start-up date of the Red Sea coast refinery.

"The refinery will start test processing in January but exports are not expected to start before February," an oil industry executive in the Gulf said.

Initially the refinery will process 180,000 BPD of crude, another industry source said.

Rabigh refinery is a 50/50 joint venture between the kingdom and the Greek oil company Petrolia. Its refined

products will be exported.

Commissioning has been delayed since 1986 due to technical problems and difficulties in selling the large volume of fuel oil the refinery will produce.

"They (the Saudis) want first to see if the refinery will operate, than if they can sell the fuel oil," one source said.

Rabigh refinery has 48 per cent fuel

oil yield and lacks the technology to reprocess it into lighter oil products like gasoline and kerosene, which sell for a higher price.

At full capacity the refinery can produce 156,000 BPD of fuel oil, 47,000 BPD of diesel fuel, 36,000 BPD of jet fuel 75,000 BPD of naphtha and a small amount of LPG.

Saudi Arabia has two other export-

oriented refineries, one operated with the Mobil at Yanbu on the Red Sea and another with Shell in Jubail on the Gulf.

In an another development the government-owned National Petroleum Corporation (Petronas) will build two oil refineries costing four billion ringgit (\$1.49 billion), the national news agency Bernama reported today.

"We will now build two plants costing four billion ringgit (\$1.49 billion) instead of one costing about one billion ringgit (\$371 million) as planned earlier," Malacca's Chief Minister Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik told reporters after chairing a joint committee between Petronas and the state government in Malacca.

Non-Opec producers to meet

Opec output cuts could reinforce oil price rises

TOKYO, Oct 3. (Reuters): Producers outside the Opec organisation could reinforce the recent upturn in crude prices if they decide this week to curb exports in support of Opec policies, oil experts said today.

But if prices in the meantime turn downwards, export cuts from nations not belonging to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries such as Mexico, Oman, Egypt and Malaysia would be too negligible to stem their fall, they added.

"If the market is still on the rise, it will rise further on such news," one Japanese oil trader said. "But if the market is in the process of a correction, it will not have any effect."

Representatives from about a dozen of the non-Opec oil producing countries will attend a two-day meeting on October 5-6 in Kuala Lumpur, the Opec news agency (Opecsa) said.

Opecsa said the talks would also be attended by Opec's

secretary-general Subroto, who will brief the informal non-Opec group on the outcome of last week's Opec ministerial monitoring committee meeting.

Oil prices have jumped more than 50 cents a barrel since last Wednesday when Opec ministers decided the group's output should be limited to 20.5 million barrels per day (BPD) in the fourth quarter in order to put a floor under prices.

Although output violations are expected to push actual Opec production some two million BPD over its self-imposed fourth quarter ceiling, most traders expect strong demand will easily soak up the additional barrels.

The US benchmark crude, West Texas Intermediate, is currently quoted at just over \$20 for November delivery.

Following a meeting in May, non-Opec countries pledged exports curbs amounting to some 300,000 BPD in the second quarter of the year in support of Opecsa.

Opecsa said the October 5-6 talks would group Malaysia, Angola, China, Colombia, Egypt, Mexico, Norway, Oman, the Soviet Union and North Yemen, in addition to the Canadian province of Alberta and US states Texas and Alaska.

Meanwhile, Ecuador resumed oil exports yesterday after Ecuadorian workers for Texaco Corp. decided to end a four-day strike, the general manager of the state petroleum corporation Petrecuador Luis Roman said.

"We started exporting our oil yesterday," Roman said in a telephone interview.

Any significant drop in non-Opec exports this year can be mostly attributed to involuntary factors such as strikes in the Soviet Union, accidents in the North Sea and surging domestic demand in China, oil sources said.

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He added that oil production restarted Sunday, a few hours after end of the strike, which paralysed national production, transport and export of oil from Wednesday through Saturday.

Roman said that two tankers were being loaded at Balao, a Pacific coast port of this Opec-member nation.

Trade finance for Pakistan

Bahrain, Oct 3. (Reuters): Massraf Faycal Al-Islami, an offshore Islamic bank, said it was arranging a \$100 million syndicated trade financing facility for Pakistan.

In a statement the bank said the facility for the rice Export Corporation of Pakistan (PVT) Ltd was guaranteed by the State Bank of Pakistan.

The statement said the deal, signed in Bahrain on Sunday, was heavily oversubscribed by 20 Islamic banks and financial institutions.

Coffee prices dip

LONDON, Oct 3. (Reuters): Coffee prices fell to their lowest in London for 14 years today after Brazil, the world's biggest producer, said it saw no chance of reviving an international pact to support prices.

The latest fall followed remarks by Jorio Dauster, Brazil's chief delegate at International Coffee Organisation talks in London, that he thought it unlikely that a production agreement abandoned in July would be reintroduced.

"There is no real possibility of finalising an agreement within this time span," Dauster, who is also the head of the Brazilian Coffee Institute, said.

Iran plans to buy two ships from Bulgaria

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Oct 3. (AP): Iran plans to acquire two ships from Bulgaria next year to boost its trade links with the Soviet Union across the Caspian Sea, the official Islamic Republic News agency reported.

Ira, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the daily newspaper Kayhan as saying that the number of ships calling on the Iranian port of Noshahr has increased by 18 per cent since June, when President Hashemi Rafsanjani visited Moscow and economic agreements with Kremlin leaders.

These included an accord on joint oil exploration in the Caspian Sea.

Kayhan quoted an official at Noshahr as saying the shipping line across the Caspian Sea soon will be further boosted "with the addition of several tankers." He did not elaborate.

Kayhan also did not disclose the type of ships Iran plans to purchase from Bulgaria. But the Islamic republic has been in the market for oil tankers for the oil ventures in the Caspian Sea, as well as merchant vessels.

The 2000-ton vessel Iran Bashir was the first Iranian ship to sail to Soviet Caspian ports in early July, inaugurating marine ties between the two countries.

Rafsanjani's visit defrosted a decade of icy relations between the Islamic republic and the communist country, which was also Iraq's main arms supplier during the 8-year Gulf war.

Moscow's relations with Tehran improved following last year's ceasefire in the 8-year war and the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Meanwhile an Iranian newspaper suggested today that the government should turn state-owned factories over to the private sector.

The English-language Tehran Times said many of the factories taken over by the state after the 1979 Islamic revolution were operating below capacity because of bad management.

"It may be worth turning things over to the private sector as an experiment," it said in an editorial carried by the official news agency Ira received in Nicosia.

The Tehran Times reflects the economic policies of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani who has advocated a bigger role for the private sector since he was elected in July.

Attention: Non-Resident Indians

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- Project implementation in record time of 24 months.
- Backward area benefits. Sales tax benefit alone over Rs. 40 crores.

Financial Highlights

	Rs. in Millions)
Six Months ended 30/6/89	594.67
Year ended 31/12/88	1063.89
Gross Profits	124.15
Depreciation	7.94
Profit before tax	79.95
Profit after tax	68.95
Provision for tax	11.00
Nil	Nil

Issue Highlights

- FULLY CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES.
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INVESTORS' CONFERENCES

DAY/DATE	PLACE	VENUE	TIME
Wednesday, 11th October, 1989	Kuwait	Meridien Kuwait	7.30 p.m.

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BUSINESS

New money keeps coming

Stocks hit fifth consecutive high

ISTANBUL, Oct 3. (Reuters): The Turkish stock market jumped to its fifth consecutive all-time high today, riding a bull run triggered on August 9 when it was opened to foreign capital.

Crowds of excited investors exalted by the rise spilled out of the Istanbul Stock Exchange onto a Bosphorus quayside road, watched by bemused passengers on a Soviet cruise ship towering above.

The market closed at 1,707.93, up 4.8 percent from Monday. It has risen 121 percent since August 9 and 357 percent since January 1.

Brokers said funds flowing into the market from abroad after the August 9 decree allowed foreigners to repatriate profits from stocks were a major factor pushing up prices.

"People come to my office with pockets stuffed full of cash and say just buy what you think best," one broker said.

"Every day we see foreigners coming. Japanese, Americans, British," said Osman Nasir, adding that he had handed over his clothing shop to his brother while he played the market.

Local investors expect that large amounts of cash from high-interest bank deposits maturing in October will be invested in the market, pushing prices up further.

"It'll keep on rising, new money keeps coming in and the banks are now investing too," said Asman Olgun, a broker with Pamukbank Tas, exhausted after one of her busiest days.

After trading ended, officials had to switch off lights and link hands to clear out investors still trying to peer through binoculars at stock prices on boards around the trading floor.

For those gathered on the quayside road, prices were relayed by a special electronic ticker-tape style display.

The index exceeded its August, 1987, peak of 1,332 last Wednesday and gone on rising. But brokers calculate that, due to inflation, the 1987 high is the equivalent to 3,000 now.

They also note that the market is still small, about one thousandth of the size of London.

The bellweather stock Eregli Demir Celik AS has leapt over 1,200 percent this year and no stock lost value today. Cukurova Elektrik AS gained although a bank sold 800 million lira (\$350,000) worth of its shares, brokers said.

Trading volume was 18 billion lira (\$8 million), 10 to 15 times higher than it was before the August 9 decree.

French arms exports rise

PARIS, Oct 3. (AP): The value of export orders booked by French arms manufacturers surged by 30 per cent last year to 37.5 billion francs (\$6 billion), the French Defence Ministry said today.

The ministry said a breakdown by sector shows that 53 per cent of the total was accounted for by orders for aeronautical equipment and 36 per cent for land-based defence equipment, while naval orders represented only 11 per cent.

Geographically, France's biggest customers remain the Middle East and North Africa, together accounting for 55 per cent of total orders. North America and Western Europe account for 24 percent of the 1988 total, and South America is another important market, accounting for 14 percent of French exports.

The Far East and sub-Saharan Africa represent 4 per cent and 2 per cent respectively of last year's total order book, and Eastern Europe and "diverse" other countries accounted for another 1 per cent.

The ministry said that actual export shipments of French defence equipment increased by 12 percent last year to 38.2 billion francs (\$6.05 billion).

Tokyo share prices

	Nikkei stock average: 35366.37 (+ 256.60)	Volume: 750 mill s/s	Yen exchange rate: 140.65	Yen exchange rate: 140.65
Name of stock	Cl	Cl	Cl	Cl
Advan Corp	4920	-50	Orward K Co.	2340
Ajinomoto	2830	-20	Orix Corp	7350
Alps Electric	1780	-0	Pioneer Elec Co.	5600
Amada	2100	+30	Renova Look	2630
Asahi Chem Ind	1250	+0	Sanyo Elec Co.	886
Asahi Glass	2300	-20	Seicom Co.	7880
C. Itoh Co.	967	+8	Shin-Etsu Chem	1760
Canon Inc.	1860	-10	Sony Corp	8490
Castrol Corp	1410	-10	Sumitomo Elec	1560
D.N. Printing	2360	+10	Sumitomo Metal	725
Daichi Seiyaku	3200	-30	Takeda Chemical	3450
Dainippon Ph	2800	-90	TDK Corp	5780
Dairishinku Corp	1760	-30	Tokio Marine	2100
Eisai	2440	+10	Tokyo Electra	5790
Fanuc Ltd.	7840	-20	Tokyo Electron	3400
Fiji Photo	4810	-70	Toppings Ind.	2080
Fujitsu Ind.	1530	-20	Toshiba Corp.	1190
Hitsachi Credit	2020	+0	Toyota Motor	2520
Hitsachi Koki	2000	+0	Yaskawa Elec	1320
Hitsachi Ltd.	1530	+20		+10
Hitsachi Metal	1670	-40		
Honda Motor	1910	+30		
Ito-Yokado	4820	-30		
Kajima Corp	2120	+80		
awasaki H.I.	1050	-30		
Kobe Cast Iron	990	-10		
Kobel Elec	1220	-15		
Komatsu Ltd.	1360	-0		
Kyocera Corp	5380	-0		
Mari	3510	-90		
Mat Comm Ind	3160	+40		
Mat Electric	2320	+40		
Mazda M.C.	1060	-30		
Mitsubishi Corp	2180	-20		
Mitsubishi Estate	2170	-10		
Mitsubishi H.I.	1130	-10		
Mitsui R.E.	2600	-10		
Mizuno Corp	1850	-0		
Mochida Ph	1760	-50		
Mori Seiki Co.	4680	+30		
NEC Corp	1780	-40		
Nikon Corp	1480	-0		
Nippon Shin Co.	1880	+20		
Nippon Steel Corp	751	-6		

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Bombay shares

	Bombay Stock Exchange prices (Rs) Oct 3.	Pr. Close	Open	Close	77
ACC	272.50	267	267	275	77
AICI Chem	-	-	-	-	77
Alv. Ind.	-	-	-	-	77
Am. L&G	-	-	-	-	77
Ashok Ley.	-	76	77	77	77
Ashta Paint	202	202	202	202	77
Atlas Corp	42	40	41	41	77
Auto Corp	172	172	172	172	77
Nat. Gas	384.25	384.25	384.25	384.25	77
Bajaj Auto	315	315	315	315	77
Bar. Kavon	730	720	720	720	77
Blew Blast	-	-	-	-	77
Bom. Dye	132.50	132.50	132	132	77
BK Bond	41	40	42	42	77
Burr. Wrl.	187.50	185	190	190	77
Cen Enka	2900	2875	2880	2880	77
Cen Spc	2720	2785	2785	2785	77
Colgate	176.25	176.25	180	180	77
Crown Gr	-	1350	1400	1400	77
DCM	12	12	13	13	77
Deep Fert	50	50	50	50	77
Dindayal	74	72	72	72	77
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Esar Spg	53	52	53	53	77
Ford Sp	161.50	157.50	161	161	77
Forbes	50	47.50	47.50	47.50	77
Gar. Poly	50	74	71.50	71.50	77
Ghanda	92	94	94.25	94.25	77
GNEC	32.50	32	33.50	33.50	77
Graum	100	100	101	101	77
GE Ships	48.75	47.25	47.25	47.25	77
Gulf Ahd	165	(62.50)	162.50	162.50	77
Gulf Heavy	13	12.50	13.50	13.50	77
Hero Honda	20	19.50	20.50	20.50	77
Hind. Ciba	1020	1000	1010	1010	77
Hind. Lever	101	102	101	101	77
Hind. Cocoa	135	135	135	135	77
Hind. Motor	32	32	39.50	39.50	77
Hindalco	25.25	248.75	250	250	77
Hoechst	1150	1140	1130	1130	77
Ingerol	405	400	405	405	77
ITC	70	68.50	68.50	68.50	77
Ind Org	83.50	83.50	83.50	83.50	77
Ind Rayon	83.50	83.50	83.75	83.75	77
Indrol	258.75	257.50	250	250	77

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Fed likely to withstand pressure to lower interest rates

WASHINGTON, Oct 3. (AP): President George Bush's administration is putting pressure on the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates, but the US Central Bank will likely resist those efforts and keep rates right where they are, private economists predicted yesterday.

Policy-makers at the Central Bank were meeting behind closed doors today to review the American economy's performance and set interest rate guidelines for the coming weeks.

In advance of that meeting, many private economists said they believed the Fed is already worrying that its tight monetary policy will depress economic growth next year and jeopardise Republican chances in the November 1990 congressional elections.

Both Richard Darman, director of the

Office of Management and Budget, and Michael Boskin, the president's chief economic adviser, have made comments recently about the need for the Fed to lower interest rates.

Darman, in remarks endorsed by Bush, complained that the Central Bank was keeping interest rates too high and would have to bear the blame if the country topples into a recession next year.

Private economists believe the administration is also unhappy because officials believe the Central Bank is not doing enough to support last week's agreement by the United States and six other economic powers to drive the dollar lower as a way of improving America's trade deficit.

Lower interest rates in the United

States would make dollar-denominated investments less attractive to foreign investors and would thus tend to drive the dollar down on foreign currency markets. A lower dollar makes US exports less expensive on overseas markets.

David Jones, an economist at Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a government securities dealer, said that administration pressure for lower rates was likely to be a major topic of discussion at today's meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, composed of Fed governors in Washington and presidents of five of the Fed's 12 regional banks.

"There is a good deal of domestic political and international heat of the Fed to ease policy further in order to

push the dollar lower to keep exports strong and the economy strong over the remainder of this year and next year," he said. "The administration is hoping that this would improve the Republican Party's election chances" in the 1990 congressional elections.

Allen Sinai, chief economist at the Boston Co. financial firm, said, "this administration wants very much to avoid any slowdown in an election year."

But the Fed has so far given no sign that it intends to head the political pressure; economists predicted that this was likely to continue.

The goal of the Central Bank is to supply enough credit



Tina Turner

First album in 3 years Tina Turner's Foreign Affair Pop, R&B

TINA TURNER has come up with an album that can satisfy those who first heard her in early raunchy R and B days as well as those who didn't catch on until the post-like pop queen Tina had emerged in the '80s. 'Foreign Affair,' her first album after a three-year hiatus, is heavier with songs in the second category but that's understandable.

Turner has chosen her songwriters well in her solo career and this time the writing star is Texas Joe White, who 'had the big swamp boogie hit' 'Pon' Salad' among the '80s and now contributes the four strongest numbers on 'Foreign Affair.'

The album kicks off with White's 'Steamy Windows', an ode to backseat romance, and it's classic Tina — lusty, funky and not too far at all from the 'mushy city limits.' His 'Undercover Agent for The Blues' keeps Turner in the same smoky R and B groove and 'You Know Who (Is Doing You Know What)', is a good dance number. The title song, another White composition, and the first single, the Holly Knight-Mike Chapman song 'The Best,' both have top 10 potential.

In fact, any number of the 12 cuts here could easily be hits with the plaintive 'Look Me In The Heart,' 'Be Tender With Me Baby' and 'Not Enough Romance' among the strongest contenders.

Jazz

Allyn Ferguson, 'Pictures At An Exhibition' (Discovery, DSCD-960).

Modest Mussorgsky, an alcoholic Russian who toiled most of his life as a government clerk, left the music world one of the most imaginative, and riveting works in classical music.

'Pictures At An Exhibition', a series of 10 piano miniatures linked by a modal promenade, was written as a piano piece, but later orchestrated by ravel and others. This big band jazz version, arranged by Allyn Ferguson, is a delightful surprise.

It is robust enough to merit performance by a big band, and novel enough in its concept — and reliance on the modal form and pentatonic scale — to make it adaptable for jazz arrangement.

For this session, Ferguson called on some of the finest musicians then working in the west coast studios in 1962 when it was recorded. They included Paul Horn, a couple of years before a trip to India changed his music, and some say, gave birth to the new age.

The only puzzling thing is why it took until 1989 to get this into the stores. It swings mightily.

Classical

Kronos Quartet, Pat Metheny, 'Steve Reich: Different Trains, Electric Counterpoint' (Elektra/Nonesuch 9 79176-2).

This isn't bad, but it isn't the album of the year, either.

It's very hip to praise both the avant garde composer Steve Reich and the avant garde Kronos String Quartet, and some of the praise is well-earned, but if you want to enjoy this release you should discount some of the critical raving that has been sloshed over it.

Reich is minimalist to the max, adhering strictly to his own rules of composition. He sets off overlapping repeat figures and watches where they go, exercising less control over the progress of the music than the listener, who turns it down to background level or shuts it off after a few minutes.

Reich could be a great minimalist were he also a miniaturist. Such works as 'Six Pianos', 'Drumming', and 'Music For 18 Musicians' could all be wonderful if shortened by half. 'New York Counterpoint,' a syncopated work for overdubbed clarinets that actually is short, proves this.

'Different Trains,' a three-movement work, would be better with two. The last part is superfluous and dull.

That said, it has its points. Never before has a piece of music made such effective use of the pre-taped spoken word as a musical instrument. Tiny bits of speech and tapes of trains mix with the string quartet and propel the music.

The work is inspired by Reich's childhood, when he rode trains across America, trains he compares to the very different ones that bore Jews to concentration camps.

The Kronos Quartet is not overpraised, really, but rather gets so much acclaim that most people don't know there are several other quartets ably exploring the territories that lie outside conventional quartet repertory. Kronos turns in an ace performance here.

Credit, too, to the engineers, Les Brockman, Michael Ahern, Rob Eaton and Ben Fowler.

The other work on this disc is 'Electric Counterpoint', for overdubbed guitar. Pat Metheny plays against tapes of himself. It is very nearly as good as the aforementioned 'New York Counterpoint,' and while it's not as important as 'Different Trains' it probably will earn more repeat hearings for its infectious rhythms.

Will Jagger and Jerry fit the green-wellie brigade?

Mick joins the country set

ROCK 'n' roll legend Mick Jagger is buying a mansion where he can live the life of a country squire — with royal neighbours.

The county of Gloucestershire is already home to a clutch of royals. The Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent hit the M4 out of town most Friday afternoons and head for their country estates.

Now Mick, who already has friends in the country house set, is planning to turn what Prince Charles nicknamed The Royal Triangle into the Rock 'n' Royal Triangle when he parts with £3,000,000 in return for a large home there.

It might seem an unlikely aspiration for the 46-year-old rocker with the big mouth, leather gear and rebel instincts.

But behind the facade that turned the hair of a generation of parents prematurely grey lurks an intelligent, educated and cultured man who already has royal friends.

On the Caribbean island of Mustique, where he also has a home, he has become friends with Princess Margaret whose patronage put the island on the map.

Mick has a valuable collection of antique furniture and works of art that will slot into his new country seat as to the manor born.

And so will Mick and Jerry Hall, the blonde Texan beauty who has managed to keep him more or less by her side without benefit of legal marriage contract for a remarkable 12 years now.

In addition to luxury homes in London and New York and his holiday place on Mustique, Mick owns an 18th century French Chateau and has spent two years restoring it.

Buying that chateau eight-years-ago marked a turning point for Jagger, who until then had tended to avoid buying homes. 'You've got to spend time and be part of the local community,' he said.

In January this year, the former wild boy astonished the congregation of the tin-roofed Church of the Christian Assembly on Mustique by reading the lesson at service.

New York restauranteur Moreno Maltafiate, who was present said: 'He looked for all the world like a family man, not a world famous rock star. There is no-one to impress on Mustique — and no need to keep up his usual rebellious image.'

For all his wild ways, Jagger came from the 'right' side of the tracks. He was brought up strictly in a middle-class home Dartford, Kent, where his father Jo was a lecturer in physical education.

The four-bedroomed home he spent his teenaged years went on the market earlier this year for a cool \$250,000.

The singer, who went to the London School of Economics but left mid-course to perform, says: 'It only takes a conventional upbringing and education in the English style of life to produce a normal human being.'

'It gives you equilibrium, the balanced view.'

He will not find it difficult to blend in with the 'hunin', 'fishin'' set — though wearing a diamond embedded in one 'sappy lateral incisor' is not necessarily conforming to the group norm for Gloucestershire dinner parties.

Mick is super-fit. He cycles in Central Park every morning when he is in New York and has a custom-built British bike on which he does road training when he is in England. He works out like a man half his age.

And on the ranch in Texas bought by Jerry Hall from her earnings as the world's most sought-after model, they both ride. Jerry breeds racehorses there.

But life in the Gloucestershire set will be a far cry from the days when the rubber-lipped Jagger first took to the stage 27-years-ago and Mick began a



Rolling Stone Mick Jagger

career with a survival ability second to none.

In 1963, the new Rolling Stones auditioned at the Station Hotel in Richmond, Surrey, for two possible managers. One told the other: 'Not bad, but the BBC will never buy the vocalist. He will have to go.'

Early publicity material tried to dirty up the Stones' reputations by claiming that they did not wash. More serious and true scandals were soon propelling them into unwanted headlines.

There were riots at their concerts culminating in the stabbing of a spectator in California. Two of Mick's girlfriends, Chrissie Shrimpton and singer Marianne Faithful, attempted suicide. Fellow Stone Brian Jones was found drowned at the bottom of his own swimming pool.

There were drug swoops and busts, paternity cases and legal wrangles with managers. But Jagger emerged from the group's wild years sound in mind and remarkably unclothed in body.

How different it has all been for him and for the ambitious consort who has given him two children — Elizabeth Scarlett, five, and James, two — than it was for the children of the Queen, about to be the couples' neighbours.

Prince Charles, born not only with a silver spoon but the certain promise of a gold crown, bought Highgrove, near Tetbury, Gloucester, in his bachelor days. It had a number of attractions for him.

It was only 10 minutes drive from the polo at Cirencester Park and the nearby Beaufort Hunt is the most prestigious in the country. Princess Anne was already settled at Gatcombe Park just six miles away.

Charles also had lots of friends in the area. The Duke of Beaufort lives near by at Badminton, Lord Bathurst is at Cirencester Park and Lt Col and Mrs



The Jagger's new residence in the 'Royal Triangle'

Andrew Parker-Bowles, the Vestey's and the Earls of Suffolk and Pembroke are within easy reach.

The Prince bought the 30-roomed Highgrove House, a late 18th century manor house, for £200,000. It has nine bedrooms and six bathrooms and would fetch more than £3,000,000 if it went on the market with its 348-acre grounds, today.

And it could well do. Princess Diana would dearly love something larger.

The house had problems from the start. It was in full view of a main road and security measures — ranging from electronic surveillance to changing the shape of the driveway to interrupt the view of the front door — have cost a prince's ransom.

It also lacked atmosphere. Early visitors described it as feeling more like a hotel than a home. Extensive redecoration helped warm it up and make it feel lived-in. But it is still not the house the Princess of Wales would have chosen.

And it is not so huge when you subtract the accommodation needed for domestic staff and detectives. Nor is it as handy for London as the new home the Duke and Duchess of Windsor are building near Windsor? With steadily worsening traffic, the journey seems to take a little longer each week.

But even if the Princess has had her eye out for a new home almost from the time she moved into the house, where the ornamental gates and the swimming pool were both wedding presents, estate agents have been rubbing their hands with glee over what the royal invasion has done to house prices in the area.

It began when Princess Anne was given the 30-room 18th century Gatcombe in its 700 surrounding acres as a wedding present.

Besides such attractions as the elegant Grecian-style portico and large curved conservatory, the

Princess liked the easy-going atmosphere in the area where she can drive her own children to school, patronise the local butcher and eat out at nearby restaurants without any fuss.

Today the property would fetch £1,000,000 even without the extra land next door, bought with a mortgage after Mark Phillips left the army and turned to farming and riding to make a living.

Princess Michael of Kent was the next to move in. She and Prince Michael fell in love with 17th century Nether Lypiatt in 1981 when they were able to buy the house with its large rose garden, sweeping lawns and swimming pool, for just £300,000.

Now it would change hands for around £1,500,000.

House prices are not the only thing influenced by the royal influx. Tetbury, undisputed capital of the royal territory, quickly became a tourist boom town. Within a year of the Prince of Wales buying Highgrove, enquiries at the town's tiny tourist office doubled.

Now coach tours include it on their itinerary and, for those who fail to spot Princess Diana popping into a sweet shop or Princess Anne distributing sacks of coal in her Land Rover to local old folk at Christmas, there is consolation to be sought in a rash of new tea shops and souvenir emporia.

Jagger-spotting could soon be added as a new sport.

If it is hard to imagine Mick and Prince Charles having a great deal in common, Princess Diana would probably rather talk fashion to Jerry Hall than horses, polo and politics to some of her husband's friends and relations.

Different drummer

Ringo stars again



Ringo with wife Barbara Bach

FORMER Beatle Ringo Starr has gone back on the vow he has been making for more than 20 years... never to go on the road again.

Ringo, now 49 and a grandfather, toured the US for the first time since the sell-out concert in San Francisco in August 1966 that became the Beatles' public swansong. After that, they concentrated on recording.

Ringo was playing drums and singing with a nine-piece band for six weeks of concerts that took him back to some of the places he last played as part of the most successful and popular group in music history.

Twenty years ago this year, John Lennon decided he would like to tour again and persuaded Paul McCartney and George Harrison. Only Ringo refused.

He said: 'We could earn \$2,000,000 for a couple of days' work. But I couldn't go through all the turmoil again.'

'We had had five years of Beatlemania and that was enough. No sleep, no proper meals, living out of a suitcase, being torn to bits mentally and physically. Never again.'

When Beatlemania was at its crazy zenith, the cheeky and highly-talented lad from Liverpool had to travel in disguise yet still behind a stalling wall of security. Even then, mass hysteria was never far away.

Ten years ago, Ringo was saying: 'I have heard the applause. It was very loud. But I've heard it and I don't think I want it now.'

Ringo returned to audiences including the sons and daughters of that first generation of Beatles fans who screamed themselves hoarse for a glimpse of him.

In Europe and the UK, Ringo tended to be seen as the Beatle in the background. In America, he was the most popular of them all.

'Ringo for President' badges and stickers were all the rage. There were even records about him. Bonanza actor Lorne Greene made one called Just Ringo and went to No. 1 with it.

Two generations of fans have now bought the nine solo albums Ringo has recorded since the Beatles' break-up which began in a flurry of write-ups in 1970.

But friends believe this decision to get up in front of an audience again marks the end of the wilderness years for Ringo and the final stage of his rehabilitation from a drink problem that very nearly killed him.

The Beatle born Richard Starkey and brought up in a two-up, two-down Liverpool terrace had left school at 13 and married his childhood sweetheart, hairdresser Maureen Cox, in 1963. They divorced 10 years and three children later.

Model Nancy Andrews was named in the divorce. Seven weeks later, she and Ringo parted. And a year after that they were engaged.

They never married and Ringo was seen

she's the most beautiful woman in the world. She's just the sweetest, most sensitive woman I have ever known. We are very much in love. It might sound soppy but, when you're this happy, you don't care.'

For the next few years, they were never apart for more than an hour or two. They went everywhere together and shared everything — including a drink problem. The only difference was he was knocking back the brandy while she preferred gin.

Ringo and Barbara became the couple at every glitzy gathering. Gossips began to say they were party junkies who would go to the opening of an envelope.

He admits now that he was drinking at least a bottle of brandy a day. He had it down to a fine art. It took him 'just five hefty shots' before he was ready to start on another.

The twin shocks of being told he had less than a year to live if he carried on, and of discovering that he had beaten Barbara up while he was drunk and not even remembered next day, sent him off in search of a cure.

Ringo and Barbara, without whom no celebrity party had been complete, confined themselves to the Minnesota clinic where life revolved around detoxification sessions, counselling, group discussion and meditation.

They were encouraged to keep a diary of their thoughts and feelings and to pray.

For 12 hours a day, they followed the nuns' monastic regime that Cagney and Lacey star Sharon Gless, jockey Steve Cauthen, actress Liza Minnelli and designer Calvin Klein had discovered before them.

It claims the highest success rate in the business. And it worked. The next time the newly-released couple were spotted leaving their luxury home in Kensington, London, for a night out, they were on their way to an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

'I feel better than I have for ages,' said Ringo — named by the other Beatles because of his fondness for rings.

No-one was more delighted for him than George Harrison, the ex-Beatle with whom he had stayed close friends. 'I'm really glad he has sorted out his problems,' said George. 'He's a lovely bloke and a great mate.'

Now Ringo has made his main home a villa in Monte

Stepping into the shoes of Olivier

Branagh makes Henry V

DUBLIN, Oct 3. (Reuters) - When Kenneth Branagh first played Shakespeare's Henry V on stage, he went to ask Britain's Prince Charles what it was like to be royal, isolated and lonely.

Seeking tips on how to play the doctor in Chekhov's "Three Sisters," he wrote to Laurence Olivier for advice.

Prince Charles became patron of Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Company and Olivier wrote back to say: "If I were you, I should have a basin at it and hope for the best — which I certainly wish you."

Now, just three months after Olivier's death at the age of 82, the ebullient Branagh is poised to assume the mantle of that great actor.

For Branagh has at the age of 28 had the temerity to make a film of Henry V, the very essence of Englishness that was captured on film by Laurence Olivier 45 years ago in a rousing classic that has endured the test of time.

Branagh first showed his film at the Dublin theatre festival before its London premiere on Thursday.

The son of a Belfast joiner who took his family to England when Northern Ireland's sectarian and political conflict erupted in 1969, Branagh set out to make a popular Shakespeare film that would be accessible and understandable to a wide audience.

He told the first 500 people to see it: "I think this is a great Kleenex movie. If it works, it's a real thriller. The plot moves along every quickly."

After persuading a theatre-enthusiast stockbroker to raise the £4.5 million (\$6.75 million) budget for his film, Branagh jovially encouraged the audience: "If you like it, clap long and hard and I can tell the backers."

They duly wept and applauded forcefully after the film that in no way copies the Olivier classic but gives many more layers to Henry V as a youthful warlord with a ruthless streak. But he is also a paradox, full of self-doubt and questioning.



Pennyfarthing

David Jenkins (centre) and friend Geoff Paine (left) are passed by another cyclist on a mountain bike while riding through London traffic. Jenkins, 41, in remembrance of Phineas Fogg's round-the-world-

in-80-days, rode 80 miles in 80 hours on a penny-farthing to raise money for the British Lung Foundation. (Reuter wirephoto)

Oldest guide plods fearlessly up the Swiss Alps

ZERMATT, Switzerland, Sept 25. (Reuters) - At 89, Ulrich Inderbinen cannot see why he should stop climbing some of Europe's highest mountains just because of his age.

Slightly bent, he steadily climbs a knife-edge crest of snow on the 4,164-metre (13,666-foot) Breithorn mountain, oblivious of the drop of nearly 2,000 metres (6,500 feet) to a glacier below.

As Switzerland's oldest mountain guide, he knows the risk but is confident. He climbs not only in the course of his work, but also when he wants to relax.

"Why not? Why shouldn't I go as long as I can?" He asks down below in the village of Zermatt, smiling through his thick handlebar moustache.

"The first thing is not the money," he said, adding another reason: "If you want to see almighty God, you must

go to the mountains."

A lifelong resident of Zermatt, he climbed the famed Matterhorn the first time just a few years after World War One, using boots with nails on the bottom to grip the snow and ice.

In the next 60 years he led other mountaineers up that craggy 4,477-metre (14,688-foot) peak about 350 times — he cannot remember exactly.

The Matterhorn belongs to the exclusive club of 4,000-metre (13,100-foot) Alpine giants in which Inderbinen has specialised; he reckons he has probably stood at the summit of a "four-thousander" between 3,000 and 4,000 times.

He has now pulled back from the most strenuous climbs — especially those requiring two or three days work.

"I'm now a bit older than usual," he says. His permanently tanned, kindly face is etched deeply

like the mountains he loves.

Inderbinen stopped climbing the Matterhorn in 1982, though two years later he still tackled Mont Blanc, looming at 4,807 metres (15,777 feet) as Europe's highest peak.

He now "contents" himself with slightly less arduous climbs on mountains like the Breithorn, where oxygen is nevertheless thin enough to give headaches to lowlanders, or nearby Pollux, which requires the breaching of 70 glacial crevasses.

Mountains like these can still be treacherous in a sudden summer blizzard or thick clouds.

"I go slowly and steadily — that is my trick," he notes, adding that every climb is risky.

Thirty years ago as he and a client were descending a snow field on the Italian ridge of the Matterhorn, his foot fell into a snowhole and, his balance lost, he slid a terrifying 20 metres (yards).

He dislocated his shoulder, but the companion was safe.

At the age of 86, on a mountain in a nearby valley, an ice avalanche swept over the track where he and a woman climber had walked just two minutes before.

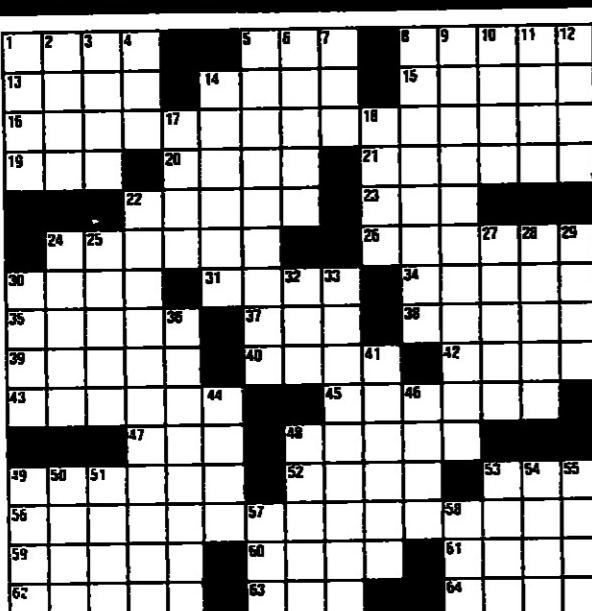
But in 63 years of guiding, only one of his clients was injured — a broken arm from stones falling off the Matterhorn.

More than a dozen Zermatt guides have been killed over the years but the guides in general have a safe record. Locals say they know when it is too dangerous to keep climbing, and even if a sudden storm surprises them, they know the best way back.

How does he keep going? "I'm always in training," he says.

In the winter he skis to stay fit — last January in unseasonably warm weather he even climbed the Breithorn a couple of times and skied down.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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5 Syn. off 8 Muddies
13 Potpourri
14 Shade of green
15 Flye fungus
16 Digger's ditty
19 Kitchen caustic
20 Inter finish
21 Lined up, in London
22 Combo instruments
23 Jardiniere
24 — of the Hesperiades
26 Drolery
30 Aspersion
31 Men-only do
34 Old German coin
35 Towels off
37 Get wrong
38 Alamogordo's county
39 Of the birds
40 Stew ingredients
42 Fatal time
43 Crone
45 Pockets a bill
47 Summer, along the Seine
48 Puerto —
49 Loosen bootstraps
52 And wife, in law. Abbr.
53 Churn
56 Victor Herbert operetta
59 Member of the family
60 Pesky insect
61 Ollie's slim sidekick
62 Brands
63 Had a snack
64 Heavy weights

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2 "Now — me down..."
3 River to the Mediterranean
4 Stipple
5 Chase, for one
6 Favorable margins
7 Gram. gender
8 — Paradise: Gary Cooper movie
9 Process of adjustment
10 Snow block house
11 Ore store
12 Boer burg
14 Bringers of bad luck
17 Enthusiasm
18 Drink for Caesar
22 Superpatriotic

24 Wide awake and alert
Schoolchild
27 — France
28 Harvest goddess
29 Rialto signs
30 Mop
32 "You — There"
33 Drawn to
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41 Safe
44 Intersect
46 Airport hall
48 Send money
49 Word on a coin
50 Anna Sten role
51 Chance
53 Sergeant Snorkel's dog
54 — impasse
55 Bleacher creatures
57 Singer Sumac
58 Tampa's time

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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APR	ODEIS	HEDDA
RETARDED	BAREST	
STEAL		
HENRYMANCINI		
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PENS	SARD	TAOS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A7 ♠QJ762 ♦AK1032 ♠A
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ 2 ♣
4 ♠ 4 ♣ Pass Pass
What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦73 ♠1042 ♦AKJ4 ♠AJ102
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦73 ♠1042 ♦AKJ4 ♠AJ102
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

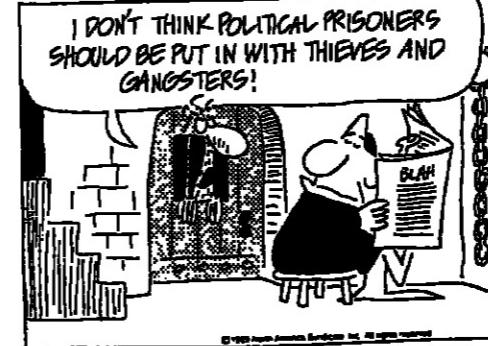
Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K107 ♠K98 ♦J652 ♠J53
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦K107 ♠K98 ♦J652 ♠J53
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦A9852 ♠Void ♦J10753 ♠852
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Dbl ?
What do you bid now?

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♦73 ♠1042 ♦AKJ4 ♠AJ102
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

B.C.



By Johnny Hart

YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be disinclined to do very much and should do your best to overcome this disposition. Make sure you do not do anything that would be injurious to your health. Do a friend a favour. Be careful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

If you try just a little harder you will be able to learn something that has been defying you. You should think a little more positively. Make sure you do not spend more than you can afford. Be deliberate.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not lose the courage of your convictions. Nothing seems to be going right just now, but it will not last. You should not use force where persuasion has failed. Be reliable.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

You should make sure you do not run out of patience. There are some positive influences but you should not rely too much on good luck. Try not to allow yourself to dwell on gloomy thoughts. Be more tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should make sure you do not act on hearsay but do not altogether ignore other people's opinions either. You will be able to realize some potential. Be attentive.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will find it difficult to make up your mind, but you must not dither. Do not allow work to encroach upon your personal affairs. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be sincere.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

If you do not get your own way never mind, it could have been much worse. Avoid trying to do too many things all at once. And eat not more than you need to maintain your weight. Be sensible.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Avoid leaving until what you know should be done now. Remember that safe limits are there to be obeyed, not exceeded. Do not dwell too much on the past. Be moderate.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should make sure you play your part in keeping love alive. Something you have been trying to do will become easier than it has been until now. Make sure you lock all doors and windows before leaving the house. Be dependable.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will not get your way in all things but in some. Your lucky numbers are 27 and 32. Avoid being motivated by jealousy or vengeance. Think of others as well as of yourself. Be patient.



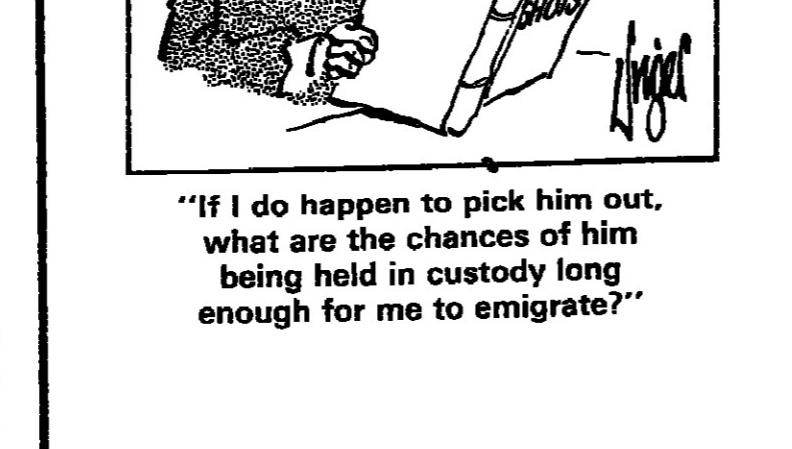
Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Now is the time to show a little more determination and if you do you will get there. Make sure you do not do anything of which you know your partner would not approve.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You are more liable to lose things so take remedial action. You will be able to do something very much to your liking. Avoid wasting money on 'bargains' that are not. Be tactful.



"If I do happen to pick him out, what are the chances of him being held in custody long enough for me to emigrate?"

Just like it is

Probe into child's mind

Fear turning to phobia

ALBANY, New York, Oct 3. (UPI) — It's a common scene: the frightened child, hiding behind mom, afraid to go to school.

Denmark make two changes

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 3. (Reuter): Danish soccer team chief Sepp Piontek made two changes from his last line-up when he announced his squad yesterday for next week's World Cup qualifier against Romania.

He brought in Kim Vilfort for Brondby team-mate per Frimann and John Jensen of West German First Division Hamburg for Vejle's Johnny Molby but otherwise retained the squad which drew 1-1 in an away friendly against an injury-hit Dutch side in September.

Denmark are one point behind Romania in European Group One, both way ahead of Greece and Bulgaria, with everything depending on the outcome of the two remaining matches the top two. They meet in Copenhagen on October 11 and play the return in Romania on November 15.

Only the group winners are sure of a place in the World Cup finals in Italy next year.

Ten of the 16-strong squad play for foreign clubs, including all four forwards, and Piontek hopes his youthful side will recover the sparkling form they showed when they beat Sweden 6-0 and Brazil 4-0 last June in games marking the Danish Football Union's centenary.

Robson may return for Cup qualifier

LONDON, Oct. 3. (Reuter): Bryan Robson has made a fast recovery from injury and is back with a fighting chance of leading England in an important World Cup soccer qualifier in Poland next week.

Robson suffered a hairline shin fracture playing for his club Manchester United against Manchester City on Sept. 23 and was expected to be out for the month.

But he has recovered sufficiently to be included in United's squad for an English League Cup match against Portsmouth this evening.

England manager Bobby Robson, who spent the weekend pondering his captain's replacement for the European Group qualifier in Katowice on Oct. 11, was surprised and delighted by the news.

"Manchester United have obviously not made this decision lightly. Now I am looking forward to reviewing the situation after the Portsmouth match," he said.

"If he comes through unscathed he can be added to the squad. There is no problem adding another player."

Stielike calls up fresh faces for qualifier

GENEVA, Oct. 3. (Reuter): Stielike has named three newcomers in his 16-man squad for next week's European Group Seven World Cup soccer qualifier against Belgium in Basle.

Last month's 2-1 home defeat by Portugal ended Swiss hopes of qualifying for next year's finals in Italy and Stielike has already started moulding a fresh side with the 1992 European Championship in mind.

Stielike, West Germany's former World Cup defender, is expected to give caps to Lausanne goalkeeper Stefan Huber, defender Roland Widmer from Neuchatel and Lausanne striker Philippe Douglas.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3. (AP): Mike Tomczak threw three touchdown passes and Richard Dent led a defense that overcame Randall Cunningham's fourth-quarter heroics as the Chicago Bears remained unbeaten with a 27-13 victory over Philadelphia last night.

Tomczak had a 14-yard touchdown pass to Dennis McKinnon and a 1-yarder to Matt Suhey in the second quarter, then threw a 36-yard scoring pass to James Thornton with 6:08 left in the game after the Eagles had come within a touchdown.

He finished with 24 of 38 for 266 yards.

Dent, meanwhile, was credited with 2 1/2 of Chicago's four sacks. The Bears, who held the Eagles to just 73 yards in the first half, also intercepted four Cunningham passes.

The Eagles' quarterback, limited to just 53 passing yards before halftime, came alive in the fourth period after the Bears had taken a 20-3 lead on Neal Anderson's 2-yard touchdown run with 3:13 left in the third quarter.

First he threw a 24-yard touch-

down pass to Greg Garrity with 2:54 gone in the fourth quarter. Then he hit Cris Carter with a 37-yard pass to the 2 after Wes Hopkins recovered Anderson's fumble, setting up a 19-yard field goal by Luis Zendejas with 10:01 left. Cunningham finished with 32 completions in 62 attempts for 401 yards. The 62 passes was a team record.

But Chicago came right back, going 63-yards in seven plays, with Tomczak and Thornton hooking up for the clinching score.

The win ran Chicago's record to 4-0, gave the Bears a two-game lead in the NFC Central and left them as one of the NFL's three unbeaten teams. They haven't been out of first place in their division in 83 games dating back to the first game of 1984.

It also continued coach Mike Ditka's mastery over Buddy Ryan, his one-time defensive coordinator and long-time rival. The Bears are 4-0 over the Eagles since Ryan took over as Philadelphia's head coach after leaving the Bears after their Super Bowl victory in 1986.

Standings —

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Standings of National Football League teams after game played yesterday. (tabular under won, lost, ties, points for, against)						
National Conference						
American Conference						
New York	2	2	0	75	82	
Philadelphia	1	3	0	67	95	
Buffalo	3	1	0	119	103	
Indianapolis	2	2	0	64	90	
New York	1	3	0	115	115	
Miami	1	3	0	88	116	
New England	1	3	0	50	103	
Cincinnati	3	1	0	97	58	
Cleveland	3	1	0	119	58	
Houston	2	2	0	121	119	
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	60	109	
Western Division	3	1	0	106	71	
Denver	2	2	0	86	93	
San Diego	2	2	0	86	93	
Eastern Division						
Seattle	2	2	0	116	58	
Kansas City	1	3	0	67	95	
Los Angeles	1	3	0	100	93	
Phoenix	2	2	0	70	96	
Washington	2	2	0	107	90	
Dallas	0	4	0	129	61	
Central Division	4	0	0	116	58	
Chicago	4	0	0	129	61	
Green Bay	2	2	0	117	119	
Minnesota	2	2	0	76	75	
Tampa Bay	2	2	0	62	68	
Detroit	0	4	0	57	110	
Western Division	4	0	0	116	88	
Los Angeles	3	1	0	100	81	
San Francisco	1	3	0	78	88	
Atlanta	1	3	0	86	93	
New Orleans	1	3	0	86	93	

Chicago take two-game lead in NFC Central

Tomczak helps Bears maul Eagles



Dent (No. 95) sacks Cunningham during second quarter action. (Reuter wirephoto)

Athletics and Giants tipped to win

AL and NL championship series begin



Fernandez (in the air): best shortstop in the game

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (Reuter): The highly-favoured Oakland Athletics, who won 99 games during the regular season, will start ace right-hander Dave Stewart against the Toronto Blue Jays when the best-of-seven American League Championship Series begins this evening.

The Jays, who let a 3-1 advantage against the Kansas City Royals slip away to lose the championship series in 1985, will counter with Dave Stieb who had a 17-8 record against Stewart, winner of 21 games.

Tomorrow evening the San Francisco Giants will be at Chicago's fabled Wrigley Field — which just installed lights last year — to face the Cubs in the opening game of the National League Championship Series.

The Giants will open with right-hander Scott Garrels, 14-5, while the Cubs counter with their top right-hander Greg Maddux, 19-12.

The Giants are favoured to win the series, but the Cubs, for decades the butt of baseball jokes are the sentimental favourites for many.

The Cubs have not appeared in a World Series since 1945 and have not won a World Championship since 1908.

The Cubs were one game away from a World Series berth in 1984 after they won the National League East title and the first two

games of a best-of-five championship series. But they dropped three straight games to lose the pennant to the San Diego Padres.

The Cubs will be led by second baseman Ryne Sandberg and Jerome Walton, a candidate for Rookie of the Year, and veteran Andre Dawson.

San Francisco won the National League West Division relatively easily and possess one of the most dangerous middle lineups in baseball. Left fielder Kevin Mitchell led the Major Leagues with 47 home runs and 125 runs batted in, while first baseman Will Clark just missed winning the National League batting championship in a race with Tony Gwynn of the Padres.

Oakland, the best team in baseball this year, are looking to rebound from last year's World Series loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The Athletics have superior power-hitting in Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire and great speed in Ricky Henderson. They also have one of the top three relief pitchers in baseball in Dennis Eckersley.

The Blue Jays are led by Tony Fernandez — the best shortstop in the game — and dangerous cleanup hitter George Bell, in addition to fiery outfielder Mookie Wilson, who came to the majors from the New York Mets this season.

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SPORTS

Tennis will progress in the Arab world: Sheikh Fahd

Arab tennis tourney starts

THE Arab Brotherhood Tennis Championship opened at the Ramada Al Salam tennis courts on Monday evening. The championship was opened by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Olympic Council of Asia and the Kuwait Football Association.

The Arab countries taking part are: UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, North Yemen, South Yemen, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, Qatar, Egypt, Somalia, Sudan, Djibouti and Kuwait.

The head of the Tournament Organising Committee Sami Al Ibrahim welcomed the participating teams in the inaugural speech. Al Ibrahim said that although the tournament is being held for the first time in Kuwait, a large number of countries were taking part. He added that the tournament will certainly help improve the standard of tennis in the Arab world, strengthen ties among Arab youths and will emphasize on the deep historical relations between Arab countries.

He said that the holding of this tournament coincides with the large-scale preparations for the forthcoming Peace and Friendship Games, to open in Kuwait



A dance item at the opening ceremonies.



Sheikh Fahd (2nd left) receives the visitors.



Teams from various countries at the opening ceremonies.



Children welcome Sheikh Fahd to the tennis courts.

Aouita seeks life ban for drug cheats

CAIRO, Oct 3. (Reuters): Said Aouita, the world's top middle distance runner, has slammed what he called lenient treatment of disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson and said athletes who took drugs should be banned from competition for life.

"Any athlete taking drugs should be disqualified and stopped from participating in any international event," Aouita told a news conference in Cairo last night.

"This decision was a mistake," he said, referring to the ruling by the International Amateur Athletics Federation suspending Johnson for only two years.

Johnson was stripped of the 100 metres gold medal he won in last year's Seoul Olympics after he was found to have taken the anabolic steroid stanozolol.

Aouita said athletes might still take drugs if they thought being caught would mean only a temporary ban. "This (drug-taking) is an immoral act," he added.

Aouita, world record holder in the 1,500, 3,000 and 5,000 metres, was in Cairo for the start of the 15-nation Arab Athletics Championships.

He said he was not taking part himself because the event took place during his annual five-week rest. The championships should in future be held between July and September so that he could race, he said.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Dumbell Bridge Tournament held at the Sheldene Beach Hotel -

1. Sharif & De Azevedo
2. Naseem & Hamid
3. Muneera & Rami
4. Alaa & Sharif
5. Naseem & De Azevedo
6. Sharif & Naseem
7. Sharif & Salmah Al
Results of the Mevahil Ladies Bridge Club game held on Sept 30:
1. Naseem & De Azevedo
2. Banan Mousa & Dina Materna and
Shafiq Dagher & Fima El-Batrawy
3. Results of the Hubert Centre Bridge Club game played on Sept 27:

1. Naseem & Rayfa Laftah
2. Amna Sharaf & Segeir Jaffar
3. Jamila Al-Camille Aksel and Ulla Maraha & Mohammed El-Batrawy
E.W.

1. Sharif & Jasmin Ibrahim
2. Dr. Omer & Saleh Ibrahim
3. Lulu Murtashfa & Dina Materna
Results of the Hubert Centre Bridge Club game played on Sept 30:
N.S.

1. Nadi Al-Akel & Dhuha Mukerej
2. Nadi Al-Akel & Rayfa Chaudhry
3. Aurora & Jaggi
F.W.

1. Taib & Ibrahim
2. Lulu Murtashfa
3. Rayfa & Rayfa Suleiman
Results of the Westminster System-12:

1. Mohamed Sabri & Adel Bayoumi
2. Maith Madani & Peter Harto
3. Abdess & Jappa
Results of the Mevahil Ladies Bridge Club game on Monday:

1. Nadi Al-Akel & Lulu Murtashfa
2. Hala Khouri & Nada Kasseri
3. Jamila Al-Camille Aksel and Ulla Maraha

Maradona still wants to join Marseille

Argentine star tempted by villa

PARIS, Oct 3. (Reuters): Argentina's errant World Cup captain Diego Maradona held open the possibility of a future transfer from Napoli to French club Marseille in an interview with the weekly France Football published today.

Maradona, who returned to Italy last month after Napoli began legal action against him for breaking his contract by extending his summer holidays in Argentina, said his relations with club president Corrado Ferlaino were cold.

He said the attempts by Olympique de Marseille's millionaire boss Bernard Tapie to take him to France in the close season were serious and attractive.

"Everything is clear about the future of Olympique," he said. "It's an attractive

project for any footballer and you should not forget that Maradona is, above all else, a player who loves his job."

"They were offering me the same amount as Naples, not a franc more, I give my word.

But the villa that Bernard Tapie promised me was very tempting, as was the prospect of the different education I could offer to my daughter and the quality of life for my family."

Maradona said he had told Marseille they should speak to Ferlaino about the deal but that he had also discussed the topic with the Napoli president.

"We thought it would be better to wait until the end of the season before deciding what to do," he added.

Tapie, who spent more than \$7 million in the summer in an attempt to build a side

capable of winning the European Cup, has frequently expressed his interest in signing the Argentine.

Maradona, who at one time threatened to tear up his contract with Napoli and quit soccer, said he had returned to play for the team in gratitude to the Naples fans who had continued to support him.

But he said his threat to give up the game had been serious and that he could not accept Italian newspaper reports linking him with the mafia and drug-trafficking.

He intended to pursue the false allegations through the courts, he added. "I have been attacked in a lying way, I have been defamed and now it's up to the judges to bring me justice," he said. "I will go to the very end, whatever the cost."

Platini keeps faith with youngsters

PARIS, Oct 3. (Reuters): French national team chief Michel Platini kept faith with his youngsters today when he named the squad for next Wednesday's World Cup qualifier with Scotland in Paris, calling up the same 16 for the third time in a row.

"It is much easier to perfect a group than to continually bring in new players," Platini said at a news conference after naming the squad which beat Sweden 4-2 in August and drew 1-1 in a World Cup match with Norway last month, both away games.

Scotland need a point from the visit to the Parc des Princes to join Yugoslavia as European Group five qualifiers for next year's World Cup finals in Italy. France have only a

mathematical chance left of qualifying even if they win.

But Platini is trying to rebuild for the 1992 European Championship and 1994 World Cup. "The last two results of the French team have prompted me to stick to the same players," he said. "It's a pity it came too late."

The former French star said he expected a difficult game against the Scots, who won the home tie 2-0 with two goals from striker Mo Johnston.

"What I really need is to find players who will be the trainer's voice on the pitch," he said. "At the moment no leader is emerging but I hope that with experience some will come through. Then I will be able to stay on the bench."

Strikers — Eric Cantona (Montpellier), Stephane Paille (Montpellier), Jean-Pierre Papin (Marseille).

West Germany meet Finland

DORTMUND, West Germany, Oct 3. (Reuters): Libero Klaus Augenthaler, the father figure of West Germany's gifted young soccer side, knows nothing less than victory over Finland tomorrow can keep alive his hopes of a last shot at a World Cup success.

The 32-year-old Bayern Munich star, whose international career looked finished two years ago after a span of injuries, made a successful comeback last month in a friendly against Ireland after three years out of international soccer.

West Germany runners-up to Italy in 1982 and Argentina in 1986, host 1990 will be the third time lucky. For Augenthaler, the veteran in a side averaging 26 years old, it would be the last chance of a World Cup medal.

Kosa Week planned

THE Kuwait Offshore Sailing Association (Kosa) will hold its annual Kosa Week Regatta next week (Oct 12/20). The race committee is confident of attracting a large number of entries which augurs well for a very competitive event.

Up to ten yachts are expected to turn out for Kosa's premier regatta. This event is traditionally seen as a pinnacle series where boats go all out for glory. It's an action packed week that has crews struggling to catch their breath — it's all go!

This year the regatta will consist of five races:

Thursday, October 12 — 2 Cans (short) races of up to 20 miles; Friday, October 13 — Mid distance race: 20-30 miles; Thursday, October 19 — Cans race; Friday, October 20 — Long distance race — more than 30 miles.

Contestants will be judged on the results of the Long Distance race, Mid distance race and the best two Cans races. The Preference Point scoring system will be used to score each race i.e. First place — 0; Second place — 3; and Third place — 5.

The yacht that achieves the minimum number of points during the regatta will be declared



One of the boats in last week's Kosa race.

the Kosa Week winner. Trophies for a specified number of place getters will be awarded at the combined Kosa-Messilah Laser Club Ball to be held on Thursday, October 26, at the Messilah Beach Hotel.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Jahangir wins

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3. (Reuters): First round results in the World Open Squash Championship today (first number denotes seed): 1-Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat Phil Whittle (England) 15-11 10-15 15-15 15-8; 2-Rory Watt (New Zealand) beat Chris Walker (England) 15-12 15-7 15-7; 3-Umar Hayee Khan (Pakistan) beat Ahmed Taher (Egypt) 15-13 15-6 15-9; 4-Mark MacLean (Scotland) beat Simon Park (England) 15-11 15-13 15-14 15-7; 5-Phil Kenyon (England) beat Frederic Johnson (Sweden) 17-15 15-8 15-9; 6-Jason Nicolle (England) beat 8-Mir Zaman Gui (Pakistan) 15-10 15-12 6-15 15-4; 7-Janesh Khan (Pakistan) beat Adrian Davies (Wales) 13-15 15-4 15-8 15-6; 8-Bryan Besson (England) beat Zarak Jahan Khan (Pakistan) 15-5 14-17 15-9 15-13.

QPR triumph

LONDON, Oct 3. (Reuters): Result of an English League Cup second round, second leg soccer match yesterday: Stockport 0, Queen's Park Rangers 0 (Queen's Park Rangers win 2-1 on aggregate).

Italian players

MILAN, Italy, Oct 3. (Reuters): Italian soccer players resorting to excessive dramatics or faking injuries will be liable to fines or suspensions, the Italian Footballers' Association decided yesterday.

Sherpa guides

KATMANDU, Nepal, Oct 3. (AP): An avalanche has swept away two Nepalese Sherpa guides with a French team climbing mount Dhaulagiri I, Nepal's tourism ministry said today.

Tyson trains

LAS VEGAS, Oct 3. (AP): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson began training yesterday for his defence against Razord Riddick of Canada in Edmonton, Alberta, Nov 18. Riddick will resume training at Top Rock in Atlantic City, New Jersey, tomorrow. He is moving his camp from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Lendl loses

STUTTGART, West Germany, Oct 3. (Reuters): Second day of the \$350,000 dollar round-robin Stuttgart classic men's tennis tournament today: Henri Leconte (France) beat Ivan Lendl (Czechoslovakia) 6-4 7-6.

Reneberg wins

ORLANDO, Fla., Oct 3. (Reuters): Michael Reneberg had no trouble turning back rust fellow American Robert Seguso 6-3 6-0 in the first round of the \$415,000 Orlando Tennis Classic yesterday.

Coach banned

CANBERRA, Oct 3. (Reuters): Canberra basketball coach Steve Breheny was suspected today for headbutting a rival player during a club semifinal.

300th victory

ARLINGTON, Texas, Oct 3. (AP): Strike-out king Nolan Ryan said today he will be back with the Texas Rangers baseball team next year to shoot for his 300th career victory.

Graziano stable

NEW YORK, Oct 3. (Reuters): Former world middleweight boxing champion Rocky Graziano was listed in stable condition in a hospital yesterday the day after collapse at his home.

Queensland Open

BRISBANE, Australia: John Anderson overcame a 4-0 first-set deficit to beat American Scott Warrow 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 today in a first-round match at the \$180,000 Queensland Open tennis tournament.

Sports conference

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct 3. (AP): Sports ministers and officials of national sports organisations from 27 nations met yesterday in Sofia for the opening of the ninth European Sports Conference.

Salcede win

IN a flying start to Kiff Super League Championship, Salcede United beat Starlite Goians by 4-1 with captain David Colaco and Salustiano both scoring twice for the winners and Cestano Jose Fernandes scoring the sole goal for the losers at the Sour Grounds on Friday.

In the other match of the day, Incredible Sports Club held Goa Cultural Association to a goalless draw.

The tournament is being organised by the Kuwait Indian Football Federation (Kiff) and the games are being supervised by the Indian Football Referees Association.

On Friday, Goa Cultural Association face Starlite Goians and Incredible Sports Club meet Salcede United.

Al Rqobah praises Peace and Friendship Games organisers



One of the swimmers (left) is congratulated by Sheikh Fahd.



Sheikh Fahd with the delegation from the Kuwait Swimming Association.

Jassem was to have taken part in the Arab Athletics Championships, being currently held in Cairo, but had to opt out of the event due to an injury suffered on the eve of the event. He said that he had been advised two weeks rest by the doctor but was certain to recover in time to resume training and attain the required fitness for the Peace and Friendship Games.

In a related development, Kuwait and Asia 400 metres champion Jassem Jamsa said that he would recover from his injuries in time to take part in the Games.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Fahd Al Rqobah, who is also the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee, received at his office yesterday the Kuwait swimming team which recently took part in three swimming championships in Morocco, Egypt and also in the 4th Arab Swimming Championships. The team returned home

with 10 gold, seven silver and five bronze medals from these events.

The delegation was accompanied by the chairman and members of the Kuwait Swimming Association and supervisors of the team. Sheikh Fahd congratulated the team for its excellent results. He said that he expected the Kuwaiti swimmers to carry their achievements to the

Asian Games and return with good results.

Sheikh Fahd added that the Kuwaiti swimmers had been unable to get good results at the Asian meets so far but he expected this team to do well in the coming tournaments. He said that the Kuwaiti players do not get money for taking part in

various tournaments and all the players put in their best due to their love of the country.

**Boutayeb triumphs**

Morocco's 1988 Olympic gold medallist Brahim Boutayeb lies in second place during the 10,000 metres race at the opening of the Sixth Arab Athletics Championships in Cairo on Monday evening. Boutayeb went on to win the race (Reuter wirephoto)

Kifco beat Union for semifinals

SOME fine batting by Pervaiz Aslam and Nasir Ahmed and hostile initial spells by Mansoor Khan and Shahid Butt helped Kifco beat Union Cricket Club in the quarterfinal of Rothmans Trophy at Ahmadri on Friday.

After winning the toss, Kifco elected to bat first and once again got a good start when openers Nasir Ahmed and Shahid Pervaiz put on 64 in 10 overs. Shahid Pervaiz (30) was first to depart, letting Pervaiz Aslam join Nasir Ahmed.

Pervaiz, in his usual form, did not give time to Union players to celebrate their first success as he started scoring right from the beginning. A demonstration of power play was witnessed in his 86 runs which contained nine sixes and five fours. Nasir Ahmed, at the other end kept his head down and went on to score 63. At the end of allotted 27 overs, Kifco managed to score 205 for 2.

Kifco could not ask for better start from their opening bowlers than the one their skipper Mansoor Khan provided them. In this very first over, he bowled opener Abid and the last ball of his over saw a thick edge off Shehzad Jr's bat, going into the hands of Amin.

At the other end, Shahid Butt got two quick wickets before Mansoor Khan struck again, claiming the wicket of Farrukh Butt, which left Union reeling at 25 for 5. Saeed and Shehzad Junior tried to bring some respectability to Union's score but Shahid Ansari's introduction did the rest of damage, as Union could only manage to score 136 for 9 at the end of allotted overs. Shehzad Sr (30) and Saeed (38) were the main scorers for Union.

The bowling honours were shared by Mansoor Khan with 3 for 26, Shahid Ansari 3 for 25 and Shahid Butt 2 for 28.



Filcheck grouping announced

THE first active chess tournament organised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filcheck" opened on Friday, Sept 29 at Kabayan Restaurant. Below is the grouping given by the organiser for preliminary games from Oct 6-27. The complete schedule was published by the Arab Times on Sunday.

Group A: 1. Jigs Acodisen; 2. Ali Macayaan; 3. Diony Barboletto; 4. Romy Pagadian; 5. Wahab Alamada; 6. Rollie

Mercado; 7. Hussain Ahmad; 8. Teddy Lagmay.
Group B: 1. Fred Nieve*; 2. Mon Cortado; 3. Rey Veloso; 4. Stanley Sawit; 5. Thony Monroe; 6. Wally Soriano*; 7. Somilalao M.; 8. Sammy Aurellano.
Group C: 1. Jun Tiamia; 2. Ariel Martinez*; 3. Pir Espeno*; 4. Rading Moje; 5. Nilo Magtangob; 6. Rene Mosquerales; 7. Rolley Boado; 8. Vic Corpuz.
Group D: 1. Ding Policarpio;

2. Mauro Burlat; 3. Roberto Diaz; 4. Ing Vendola; 5. Niel Dumlaon*; 6. Gil Opiana Jr.; 7. Alex Alfajero*; 8. Edwin Borigas.
Group E: 1. B. de Los Reyes; 2. Rodolfo Laude; 3. Jess Betguen; 4. Danilo Calasin; 5. Adrian Perez*; 6. Ray Sunico*; 7. Jun Mercado; 8. Mel Espino*.

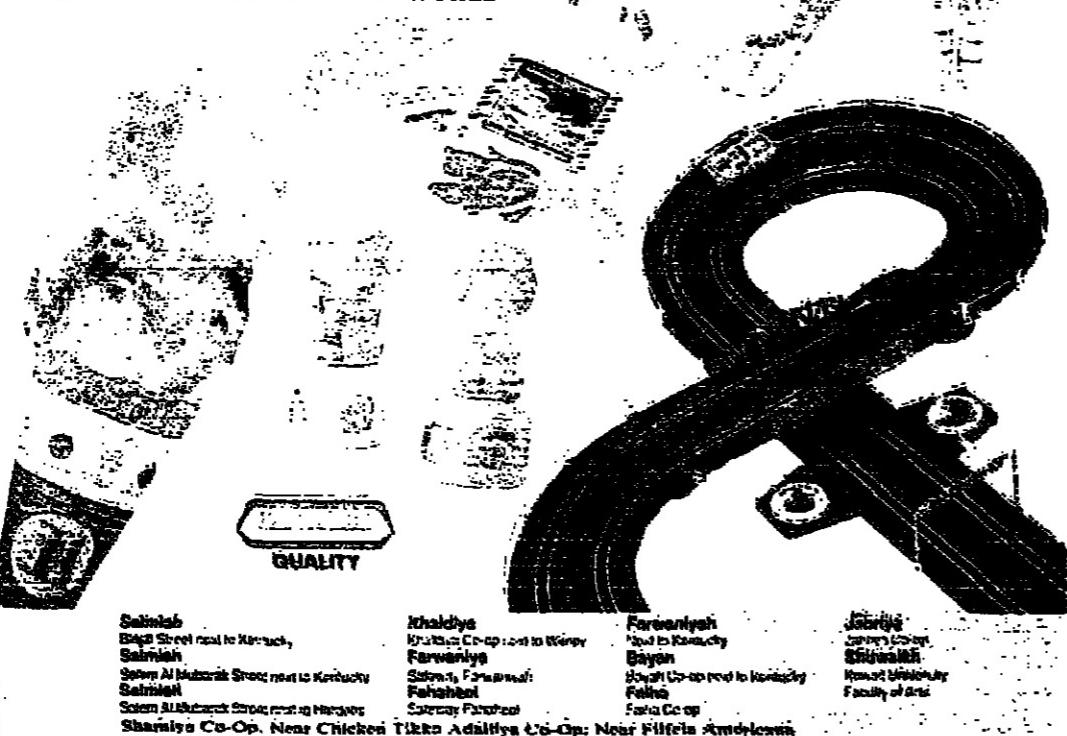
*Appointed arbiters are requested to attend a meeting on Thursday at 6:30 pm at Kabayan Restaurant.

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Evert receives Farewell to Sport nomination

PITTSBURGH, Oct 3. (AP): Chris Evert, who ended her 19-year tennis career after last month's US Open, became the first woman and first tennis player to be nominated for the Farewell to Sport award, Pittsburgh's Dapper Dan Club announced yesterday.

The three other finalists are Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Mike Schmidt and Tom Landry.

The Farewell to Sport award honours a retiring athlete or coach who "best exemplified the ideals of competitive excellence and community

service over the course of a distinguished career."

Evert, 34, won 18 Grand Slam events — six US Opens, seven French Opens, three Wimbledons and two Australian Opens — and a record 157 singles titles.

Abdul-Jabbar, 42, a centre, played a record 20 seasons in the National Basketball Association for the Milwaukee Bucks and Los Angeles Lakers. He is basketball's all-time leader in points, Most Valuable Player awards, games,

minutes played and blocked shots. He played in 14 All-Star games and was a member of six NBA Championship teams.

Landry, 63, coached the Dallas Cowboys their first 29 years, leading them to two Super Bowl victories in five appearances. His team set a National Football League record with 20 straight winning seasons. Landry was fired last Feb 25 and replaced by Jimmy Johnson when Arkansas coach Jerry Jones bought the franchise.

Schmidt, 40, retired May 29. The third

baseball finished his career with 548 home runs, seventh best in baseball history and three MVP awards. He holds virtually all the Philadelphia Phillies' offensive records and won 10 Gold Gloves for fielding excellence in his 16-year career.

Previous winners include Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears and Julius Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers. Former winners participate in the selection of their successors.

The award will be presented at a dinner on Feb 10.

US get flying Cup start

Czechs and W. Germans look tough

TOKYO, Oct 3. (Reuters): Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert put jet-lag behind them to lead the top-seeded United States to a resounding 3-0 victory over Greece in the first round of the Federation Cup women's team tennis championship today.

Other seeded nations, including West Germany and defending champions Czechoslovakia, also powered to 3-0 wins but none looked as formidable as the Americans.

Evert, drawing extra strength from the fact this is her last appearance for the United States, bludgeoned unstoppable groundstrokes and barely lost a service-game point during a 6-0, 6-1 rout of Greece's Christina Papadaki that took just 43 minutes.

"This will be my last Federation Cup and it could be my last tournament ever," said the 34-year-old who has repeatedly announced her intention to retire from competitive tennis.

Evert said she felt personally responsible for the United States' loss to West Germany in the Federation Cup final two years ago and wanted revenge.

Navratilova, who like Evert flew to Japan from the United States late yesterday, said jet-lag

was not an issue in her 6-3, 6-1 trouncing of Greek number one Angeliki Kanelloupolou.

The Czechoslovak-born American broke her opponent's serve in the sixth game of the first set and then let her vintage serve-and-volley tactics dictate.

"Playing outdoors was a little difficult after playing inside for two weeks," said Navratilova. "But I feel very good."

After a two-hour break due to rain, the US doubles pair Zina Garrison and Pam Shriver emerged to administer a final humiliation, beating the Greek pair 6-1, 6-3 in just 41 minutes.

But third-seeded Czechoslovakia and the West German fifth seeds, with world number one Steffi Graf as their standard bearer, also looked tough.

Graf brushed aside Evert's talk of revenge.

"If we play against them (the United States), we will not be giving anything away," said Graf after her 6-0, 6-1 massacre of Finland's Anne Aalonen.

But Graf's team-mate, tall and ponderous Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, looked distinctly fallible during her hard-fought 7-5, 6-4 victory over Nanne Dahlman, ranked 290th in the world.

Results

First-round results in the Federation Cup (prefix number denotes seeding):

1 - United States 3, Greece 0 (American names first). Chris Evert and Christina Papadaki 6-0, 6-1; Martina Navratilova beat Angeliki Kanelloupolou 6-3, 6-1; Zina Garrison/Pam Shriver beat Angeliki Kanelloupolou/Olga Terzopoulou 6-1, 6-3.

2 - Czechoslovakia 3, Thailand 0 (Czechoslovak names first); Jana Novotna beat Carline van Reeuwijk 6-3, 6-2; Hana Sukova beat Sabine Appelstrum 6-4, 6-1; Regina Rajchovova/Jana Pospisilova beat Anna-Lena Van Reeuwijk 7-6 (10-8), 6-3.

3 - Hungary 3, Thailand 0 (Hungarian names first); Andrea Nosaly beat Oravan Thampensri 6-1, 6-1; Andrea Temesvari beat Tossaporn Summa 6-1, 6-1; Temesvari/Rosanna Szekely beat Summa/Banszki 6-3, 6-4.

4 - Japan 3, Sweden 0 (Japanese names first); Nana Miyagi beat Cecilia Dahlman 1-6, 6-1, 6-2; Akiko Kijimuta beat Caterina Lindqvist 6-3, 6-4; Pauline Parmentier beat Hernandez/Escobedo 6-3, 6-4.

5 - West Germany 3, Finland 0 (German names first); Claudia Kohde-Kilsch beat Nanne Dahlman 7-5, 6-4; Isabelle Custo/Bettina Bunge beat Dahlman 6-4, 6-2.

6 - Britain 3, Indonesia 0 (British names first); Clare Wood beat Suzanne Kusuma 6-2, 6-1; Barbara Paulus lost to Xochitl Escobedo 6-3, 6-4; Pauline Parmentier beat Hernandez/Escobedo 6-3, 6-4.

7 - Austria 3, Mexico 0 (Austrian names first); Michaela Watzl beat Claudia Hernandez 6-4, 6-0; Barbara Paulus lost to Xochitl Escobedo 6-3, 6-4; Pauline Parmentier beat Hernandez/Escobedo 6-3, 6-4.

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